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## ROY'S BOYS SET FOR MONTENEGRO TEST AFTER SLAPPING EIGHT PAST HAPLESS SAN MARINO LAST NIGHT

**ENGLAND** tuned up for their must-win World Cup qualifying clash against Group H leaders Montenegro in perfect style last night, as they cruised to an 8-0 win over hapless boys San Marino.

As football contests go this was about as one-sided as it gets, with England 5-0 to the good by half-time thanks to a 12th-minute own goal and strikes from ex-Saint Alex

Oxlade-Chamberlain (pictured), Jermain Defoe, Ashley Young and Frank Lampard.

England were just as dominant in the second period as Wayne Rooney, Defoe again and Daniel Sturridge completed the demolition job.

England now look ahead to Tuesday, when they will take on a Montenegro side currently two points ahead of them after they beat Moldova 1-0 last night.

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## FOOTBALL NEWS

### Snow wreaks havoc again

HEAVY snow across Great Britain and Northern Ireland wreaked havoc with today's sporting fixture list.

Northern Ireland's World Cup qualifier with Russia at Windsor Park was called off again, after the match was rearranged for today after being postponed yesterday.

And the football league programme

in England was also severely affected, with a number of games called off in League 1 and League 2.

Locally, the region's non-league grounds were hit by heavy overnight rainfall - with most fixtures in the Blue Square Bet South, Evo-stik Southern League and Sydenhams League falling foul of the weather.

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# HODGSON GR-EIGHT

**ROY Hodgson is refusing to bill Tuesday's clash with Montenegro as a group decider.**

England head into the game in good heart after thrashing San Marino 8-0 last night, but still two points adrift of the eastern Europeans following their narrow win in Moldova last night.

With Ukraine securing an unexpected victory in Poland, Group H has now taken on a lop-sided look, with a six point gap opening up between second-placed England and the rest.

It means victory in Podgorica for either side would leave them in a strong position to claim the single automatic qualification spot for next year's World Cup in Brazil.

But Hodgson does not view the situation in quite such simplistic terms.

As Ukraine are all but guaranteed six points from two matches against San Marino, and still have England to face on home soil, the Euro 2012 co-hosts are remain clear dangers to the Three Lions hopes.

"I know Ukraine had a bad start but they are a good team," said Hodgson, pictured below.

"I would certainly put them up there as one of the serious rivals, especially on the basis of what we saw in the Euros and what they did when they came to Wembley.

"I always thought it was going to be a bit of a dog fight between some of these teams.

"Montenegro have stolen a march but I don't really dismiss the others."

Juventus striker Mirko Vucinic scored the winner for Montenegro last night.

Hodgson will hardly need telling that Vucinic will present more of a threat to his side than San Marino managed last night.

On home soil they are strong proposition, as was proved during a qualification game for Euro 2012 when they roared back from two goals down to claim a 2-2 draw against England in front of 12,500 passionate fans.

"Whatever the result in Moldova it would have still been a big game for us on Tuesday," said Hodgson.

"Montenegro are one of our serious rivals for the top spot and we must do our best to get a win there."

What Hodgson must be delighted about is having some selection posers to deal with.

No game against San Marino is going to unearth a star of the future.

Yet England approached last night's dismantling of the world's worst team with far more relish than they managed in the reverse fixture.

The speed and fluidity of their movement was perfect for such limited opponents, allowing them to rack up the goals such an obvious imbalance in abilities deserved.

Kyle Walker was amongst those singled out for praise by Hodgson.

But two-goal Jermain

**"Montenegro are our serious rivals for top spot and we must do our best to get a win there."**

**ON TARGET:** Former Saint Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain smashed England's second goal in their 8-0 mauling of San Marino last night.

Defoe and ex-Saint Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain were also worthy of mentions as two of the players not previously thought likely to figure against Montenegro.

"Yes, absolutely," said Hodgson, when asked whether he now had a selection headache.

"It's important when you get a chance to play for England, regardless of the opposition, the manager's faith in you is justified.

"A young lad like Kyle Walker must have come off the field pretty happy because he did what he had to do and what was expected of him.

"We are not stupid. We realise it was San Marino, not Brazil. But I don't think there is much more you can do other than pass the ball properly or show good movement and application."

The only downside was the confirmation ex-Saint Theo Walcott would be returning home today for treatment on the groin strain he sustained in Thursday's training session.



**TERRY PAINE: SEE PAGE 5**



# FOOTBALL NEWS

# PRAISES WARM-UP



## Hart: England must perform

JOE Hart spelt out the significance of England's World Cup qualifier with group leaders Montenegro on Tuesday and admitted: "We've got to perform."

The Manchester City goalkeeper, pictured right, knows Roy Hodgson's side could either be a daunting five points behind Montenegro or one point clear at the top depending on whether they win or lose in Podgorica.

England surrendered a two-goal advantage in the same stadium 17 months ago in a Euro 2012 qualifier as Montenegro hit back to force a 2-2 draw after Wayne Rooney's sending off.

Both teams were happy that evening, with England securing the

point needed to clinch top spot in the group while Montenegro's recovery guaranteed them a place in the play-offs.

But there is more at stake in terms of determining the final pool outcome on Tuesday in the battle to reach the finals in Brazil.

Hart, who was a virtual spectator during last night's 8-0 win over minnows San Marino, said: "Tuesday is big, an exciting game for us. We are getting closer to the World Cup finals. We've got to perform. Maybe we could be accused of taking our foot off the pedal as we let a 2-0 advantage slip away last time against them when we needed just a point.

"That is not going to be the case this time. We've got a job on our

hands in an intimidating arena, but we've definitely got the capabilities.

"We go there with the intention of doing well against a good nation.

"Brazil is a long way off, and I'm not going to get carried away thinking about that, but hopefully with a few wins we can start doing that."



## CHERRIES 4 BURY 1

## Cherries back in promotion hunt

MATT Ritchie capped a superb individual display with a stunning strike as Cherries kept up their League One promotion push with victory over Bury.

Ritchie, who was this week shortlisted for the League One player-of-the-year award, was restored to his favoured position on the right wing.

And the 23-year-old former Swindon man responded by playing a starring role, including bagging his maiden goal for the club with a thunderous 25-yard effort to make it 2-1.

Ritchie struck in the 55th minute, his blistering effort putting Cherries back in front after Andy Bishop and Brett Pitman had traded first-half goals.

A stirring second-half performance from Eddie Howe's men was completed by late goals from Harry Arter and substitute Matt Tubbs.

The visitors went close to drawing first blood when David Worrall's shot fizzed past the upright inside three minutes.

Cherries responded when Ritchie's header from a Marc Pugh cross was saved by Bury goalkeeper Trevor Carson before the hosts took the lead after eight minutes.

Pitman finished coolly with his right foot, the in-form striker registering his 13th goal of the season after rounding Carson and firing into an unguarded net.

The Jerseyman went close to adding a second when his audacious flick from a Lewis Grabban centre rolled narrowly past the post.

Bury profited from some sloppy defending to level through Bishop midway through the first half, the striker headed home a precision

cross from Craig Jones.

Cherries appealed in vain for a penalty when Grabban went to ground under a Carson challenge before a second spot-kick shout was waved away after Ritchie's free-kick had been charged down by the wall.

Ryan Allsop saved smartly after Bishop had let fly from close range before Carson blocked at the feet of Eunan O'Kane after the Irishman had burst through.

Deep into first-half stoppage time,

Shakers stopper Carson was forced to scramble across his line to parry Pitman's quickly-taken free-kick.

Pitman's effort early in the second half flew wide of the post before Steve Cook atoned for his own error when his challenge denied Worrall after the Cherries defender had initially lost possession.

A flurry of chances ended with Ritchie restoring Cherries' lead, the winger bagging his maiden goal for the club with a rasping left-foot drive from 25 yards.

It came after a deflected effort from Charlie Daniels had

landed on top of the net and Cook's close-range prod had been saved by Carson.

Arter settled any nerves among the home crowd when he made it 3-1 with a ferocious right-foot piledriver 10 minutes from time.

And Tubbs came off the bench to put the finishing touches to an excellent second-half display when he rifled home a fourth on the stroke of full-time following good work by O'Kane.



**ON TARGET:** Brett Pitman fired in Cherries' opener.

## POMPEY 2 COVENTRY 0

## Pompey clinging to survival hope

POMPEY'S hopes of an unlikely escape from relegation to League 2 are still alive after a straightforward home win over play-off chasing Coventry at Fratton Park today.

Pompey could have been a goal down inside five minutes after Shaun Cooper was adjudged to have brought down Cody McDonald in the area, but Gary McSheffrey's spot-kick was beaten away by Pompey stopper Simon Eastwood.

And the hosts soon took the opportunity to rub more salt into Coventry's wounds as they took a 12th minute lead when Jed Wallace smashed the ball home from just inside the box.

Pompey doubled their lead with fifteen minutes to go as Simon Eastwood's cross was headed home by Patrick Agyemang and the Blues held on to record a win that lifts them to 22nd in the League 1 table, just five points from safety.



# England's loss will always be Saints' gain

**OVERLOOKED AGAIN:** Rickie Lambert was not selected for England – but that move could work in Saints' favour.



**IT probably didn't come as much of a surprise to any of when Roy Hodgson announced his latest England squad.**

The complete and utter lack of any Southampton presence was hardly shocking.

But, when you consider Rickie Lambert is the top English goalscorer in the top English league, it did raise the odd eyebrow or two.

When Hodgson came to St Mary's to watch the Liverpool game, you had some small hope that the likes of Lambert might just be given a nod.

Yet, as so often in the past, it proved to be a false dawn as the England manager gave caps to the same old same old.

You'll forgive me if I wax lyrical about Lambert again.

You could argue, and probably very successfully, that he's not quick enough for England or indeed too old for England.

I'd counter that by saying that age is an argument easily overcome when the player in question is tried and tested.

Ask yourself how many times has the word "experienced" been used rather than "old", when describing footballers.

Lambert has experience in buckets. He's scored goals at every level he's played in; leagues that any football fans will tell you are a lot tougher than you'd think.

But he's not quick enough for England, is he?

You're right, perhaps he's not, but then when you compare him to that svelte speed machine that is Wayne Rooney perhaps that argument goes out the window as well.

Teddy Sheringham was hardly Usain Bolt, was he? A good footballing brain is worth a yard of pace in anyone's book.

But he doesn't play for the big clubs, does he?

No, he just scores against them.

For the life of me, I can't understand why players who score against what are considered the best defenders in this country, aren't considered good enough to play for their country?

Forget age, it's the here and now that counts.

Do you really care if the player that scores the World Cup winning goal is over 30?

Do you really care if the player selected for his country is one for the future or one for the here and now?

If the player is in form, play them.

Do you see any of this ridiculous "one for the future" team selections in club football?

No, if you're playing well you're playing. Full stop.

Based on current form, would you rate Jermain Defoe, Daniel Sturridge or Danny Welbeck above Rickie Lambert? I wouldn't.

Based on goalscoring, I'd play Lambert over any of them.

The fact that Lambert has been omitted from Hodgson's squad doesn't phase me in the slightest,

if I'm honest.

The last thing I want is for him to have his head turned by the usual clique in the England squad or face a possible injury.

I'm quite glad to have a fully fit Rickie Lambert facing Chelsea in Saints' next game.

But the romantic in me wanted to see the

player who most deserves an England call up, actually get one.

Lambert is my most favourite Saints player since Chris Marsden simply because he embodies every good thing about football.

A player who's come up through the league and thoroughly deserves his shot at the big time.

A down to earth man who fully merits every accolade he's got.

Compare him to Rio Ferdinand, if you must.

For months I've been saying that Ferdinand's England claims would disappear as soon as he was recalled and, as sure as eggs are eggs, as soon as he gets a recall he drops out.

If you want to know why our nation fails miserably at the game it created, look no further than Rio Ferdinand.

What greater insult than to claim you're not fit enough to play for your country, but are fit enough to fly for a money generating commentary gig for Qatar television.

It shows the immense ego of the modern footballer that they cannot suffer the indignity of being deemed not good enough, but when that view is challenged and they're asked to play they come up with some mealy-mouthed excuse and wimp out.

If you want further proof how little respect Ferdinand has for his country consider this, it was rumoured by the *Daily Mail's* Martin Samuel that Hodgson had called Ferdinand's mobile, left a text, but got no reply.

Now, whilst not everyone can answer their phone straight away, we can all reply to them.

It shows a staggering lack of respect that a footballer doesn't feel the need to reply to the England manager who is calling you to give you the greatest honour any footballer can receive.

On Twitter, Ferdinand's response was 'Hater's gotta hate' which tells you all you need know. No excuses, just bland street rhetoric.

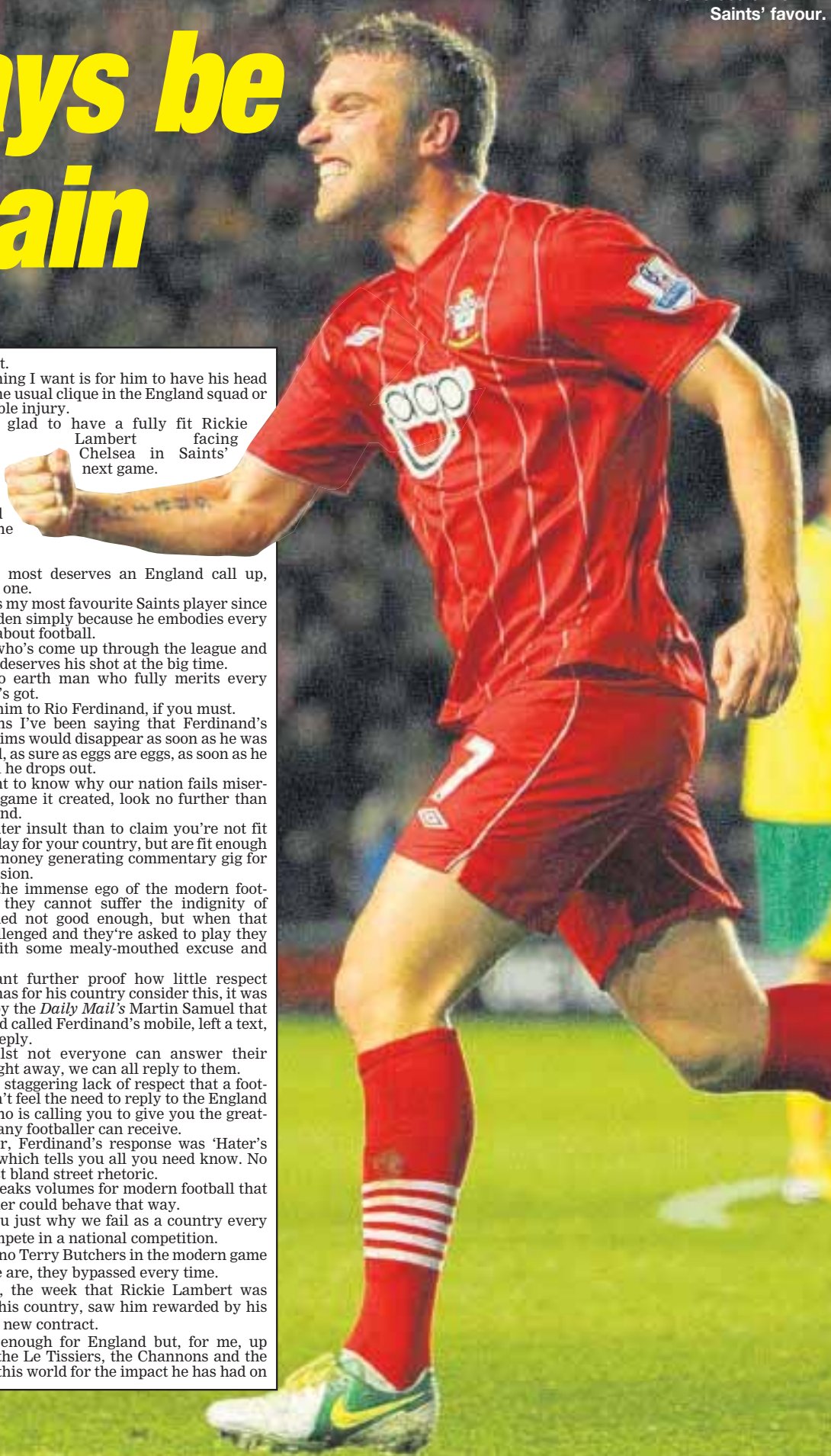
It sadly speaks volumes for modern football that any footballer could behave that way.

It tells you just why we fail as a country every time we compete in a national competition.

There are no Terry Butchers in the modern game and, if there are, they bypassed every time.

In closing, the week that Rickie Lambert was ignored by his country, saw him rewarded by his club with a new contract.

Not good enough for England but, for me, up there with the Le Tissiers, the Channons and the Keegans of this world for the impact he has had on





# Paine's World

The Saints legend's **EXCLUSIVE** column on all things football



HANGING UP HIS BOOTS:  
England's Michael Owen.

## RETIRING OWEN WAS AN ENGLAND LEGEND

**FEW England supporters will ever forget that moment, the one always entwined with the enigma that is Michael Owen.**

It was the point when the striker marked his arrival on the world stage, effortlessly gliding past Argentina's defence before smashing the ball into the top corner.

You knew then, that night at the 1998 World Cup, that he was destined for greatness – something he would truly achieve for a sliver of a moment later in his career.

It is these images that we should remember Owen by when he retires at the end of the season.

While he never became the legend he was always touted to be, he still gave us plenty of memories and bags of goals.

His 40 strikes in 89 international games put him fourth in England's all-time top scorer list.

But it was his knack of scoring in big matches that set him apart in his generation.

Owen scored in all four of the knock-out matches he played in at major tournaments, and who can forget his hat-trick in England's 5-1 demolition of Germany in 2001.

It just so happens that, before that

game, I had been the last English player to score on German soil, when I bagged the winner in a 1-0 victory over West Germany, in Nuremberg, in 1965.

Owen's record in club football is no less impressive, having scored in five finals, as well as almost single-handedly winning the FA Cup final for Liverpool, in 2001, against Arsenal.

Despite all this, he rarely gets the credit he deserves. He was, at least for one brief moment in his career, the best player in world.

It was that same year, 2001, that he won the Ballon d'Or trophy, beating out the likes of Raul, Luis Figo, and Ronaldo in the process. Yet there always remained a certain unease over his talent, which remained clear for all to see.

Before that 2001 FA Cup final, there was talk that Owen didn't have a left foot.

He proved his doubters wrong in the best way possible, sweeping past Lee Dixon and Tony Adams, before finishing coolly with his left foot across a flaying David Seaman.

What set him apart, though, was not just his blistering speed, but his predatory instincts once he got into those positions.

Players with pace often tend to panic

in those vital final moments, but with Owen he seemed to get calmer as he raced through on goal.

He was about far more than just pace.

He was a fearsome finisher, the proverbial fox in the box, with a knack of being in the right place at the right time.

It was these attributes that helped make him one of the finest players of his generation.

The current Saints manager, Mauricio Pochettino, will remember him well, having given away a decisive penalty in England's 1-0 win over Argentina at the 2002 World Cup after being judged to have fouled Owen in the box.

Had he enjoyed more luck with injuries, and perhaps more importantly better management when he was young, Owen may have gone on to become a true legend in the game.

It was not meant to be, but we will always have that moment against Argentina to remember.

Apart from anything else, Owen had that enduring boy next door attitude, which was always reflected in his play, making him the perfect example for youngsters trying to make their way in the game.

## Another week another ref in the spotlight

CONTROVERSY reigned supreme over the weekend as, once again, refereeing decisions were brought into the spotlight.

While refereeing the modern game is no easy task, the weekend hardly seems to pass without some debatable decisions being called into question.

While the notion of intent has been discussed exhaustively in recent weeks, the challenge by young Callum McManaman in Wigan's match with Newcastle falls into a difficult grey area when it comes to officiating.

Most seem to be in agreement that McManaman's challenge was horrific and should have been seen as a straight red card.

Dave Whelan, the Wigan chairman, remains the exception.

But it is the subsequent action by the Football Association that has caused most concern.

It is yet another occasion when the FA appear to stand idly by as a player goes unpunished due to some form of bureaucracy.

The organisation's statement said they could not take further action because so-called retrospective action can only be applied to incidents not seen by officials during a game.

This is where the waters are muddied somewhat, with Newcastle manager Alan Pardew claiming referee Mark Halsey, pictured above, apologised at half-time for not seeing the challenge.

The first item of concern is that two match officials, an assistant included, haven't seen an act of serious foul play.

The second is that, despite everyone being in agreement that the challenge was reckless and that it endangered another player's career, it will go unpunished.

The victim of this whole saga, Massadio Haïdara, has been left rather perplexed by the

FA's stance.

"I don't understand," he said. "His tackle could have ended my career and ruined my life, but in the end he will play football before me."

It is this very fact that cuts deepest, and it remains something the FA need to address far more urgently than goal-line technology.

Although all parties sat down at the start of the season and agreement was reached on retrospective action, it has become very obvious that, with incidents such as the one we witnessed last Sunday, there has to be a clause that allows the review body extra disciplinary measures to deal with them.

That was not the only controversial decision of the weekend, or even in that match.

A handball in the build-up to Wigan's win also went unnoticed in what was an extremely poor performance from the officials.

Halsey and his team should have to answer for their indifferent display, for it directly altered the outcome of the match.

Referees are human, but should they not face some consequences for a poor performance?

In yet another incident of poor officiating last weekend, Marouane Fellaini's handball against Manchester City was spotted, but what transpired afterwards was astounding, as a free-kick was given outside the box when a penalty should clearly have been awarded against Everton.

While scorn will continue to pour on the man in the middle, I ask where are the assistants in all this?

While refereeing remains one of the most unappreciated jobs in the world, it is just that – a job.

They need to start doing that job properly, so that players can get on with theirs.





# Saints Spotlight



## SAINTS' FIRST TEAM FIXTURES AND RESULTS 2012/13

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
<b>AUGUST</b>														
Sun 19 Man City . . . . .	L 2-3	K Davis	Clyne	Fonte	Hooiveld	Fox	Ward-Prowse**	Schneiderlin	Lallana	Puncheon***	Do Prado	Rodriguez*	Lambert* 1	S Davis** 1
Sat 25 Wigan . . . . .	L 0-2	K Davis	Clyne	Fonte	Hooiveld	Fox	S Davis*	Schneiderlin	Lallana	Do Prado	Rodriguez**	Lambert	Sharp*** 1	Sharp***
Tues 28 Stevenage (COC 2) . . .	W 4-1	Gazzaniga	Butterfield	Richardson	Seaborne	Shaw	Chaplow*	W-Prowse	Hammond**	Puncheon 1	Lee 1	Sharp*** 1	Reeves* 1	Hoskins***
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>														
Sun 2 Man United . . . . .	L 2-3	K Davis	Clyne	Fonte	Hooiveld	Fox	W-Prowse	Schneiderlin 1	S Davis	Puncheon*	Lallana***	Lambert*** 1	Mayuka*	Do Prado**
Sat 15 Arsenal . . . . .	L 1-6	K Davis	Clyne	Fonte	Hooiveld*	Fox 1	W-Prowse	Schneiderlin	S Davis**	Puncheon	Lallana	Lambert***	Yoshida*	Ramirez***
Sat 22 Aston Villa . . . . .	W 4-1	Gazzaniga	Clyne 1	Fonte	Yoshida	Fox*	S Davis***	Schneiderlin	Lallana	Puncheon** 1	Ramirez	Lambert 2	Richardson*	Mayuka**
Tues 25 Sheff Wed (COC 3) . . .	W 2-0	Gazzaniga	Richardson	Hooiveld	Yoshida	Seaborne	W-Prowse	Cork**	Lallana	De Ridder	Do Prado*	Rodriguez*** 2	Reeves*	Robinson**
Sat 29 Everton . . . . .	L 1-3	Gazzaniga	Richardson	Fonte	Yoshida	Clyne**	W-Prowse	S Davis	Lallana***	Rodriguez*	Ramirez 1	Lambert	Mayuka*	Reeves**
<b>OCTOBER</b>														
Sun 7 Fulham . . . . .	D 2-2	Gazzaniga	Richardson*	Fonte 2	Yoshida	Fox	S Davis	Schneiderlin	Lallana	Puncheon**	Rodriguez	Lambert***	Hooiveld*	Chaplow**
Sat 20 West Ham . . . . .	L 1-4	Boruc	Clyne	Fonte	Hooiveld	Yoshida	S Davis***	Schneiderlin	Lallana 1	Puncheon**	Do Prado	Rodriguez*	Lambert*	Mayuka**
Sun 28 Tottenham . . . . .	L 1-2	Boruc	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Fox***	Puncheon*	Schneiderlin	S Davis**	Lallana	Rodriguez 1	Lambert	Mayuka*	Do Prado**
Tues 31 Leeds (COC 4) . . . . .	L 0-3	K Davis	Butterfield	Hooiveld	Seaborne	Reeves	W-Prowse	Chaplow	Do Prado	De Ridder**	Mayuka	Lee*	Shaw*	Isgrove**
<b>NOVEMBER</b>														
Mon 5 West Brom . . . . .	L 0-2	Gazzaniga	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Fox***	Ramirez**	Schneiderlin	S Davis	Lallana	Rodriguez*	Lambert	Mayuka*	Do Prado**
Sat 10 Swansea . . . . .	D 1-1	Gazzaniga	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Shaw*	Schneiderlin 1	Cork	Puncheon	Ramirez	Lallana	Lambert	Fox*	Shaw***
Sat 17 QPR . . . . .	W 3-1	Gazzaniga	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Shaw**	Schneiderlin	Cork	Puncheon 1	Ramirez*	Lallana	Lambert*** 1	S Davis*	Rodriguez***
Sun 25 Newcastle . . . . .	W 2-0	Gazzaniga	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Shaw***	Schneiderlin	Cork	Puncheon	Ramirez*	Lallana 1	Lambert*	Rodriguez*	S Davis**
Weds 28 Norwich . . . . .	D 1-1	Gazzaniga	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Shaw*	Schneiderlin	Cork	Puncheon**	Ramirez	Lallana	Lambert 1	Reeves*	Rodriguez**
<b>DECEMBER</b>														
Sat 1 Liverpool . . . . .	L 0-1	Gazzaniga	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Shaw	Schneiderlin	Cork*	Puncheon**	Ramirez	Lallana	Lambert	S Davis*	Rodriguez**
Sat 8 Reading . . . . .	W 1-0	K Davis	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Shaw	Puncheon 1	Schneiderlin	Cork	Lallana*	Rodriguez**	Lambert	Ramirez	Do Prado**
Sat 22 Sunderland . . . . .	L 0-1	K Davis	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Shaw	Puncheon***	Schneiderlin**	Cork	Ramirez	Mayuka*	Lambert 1	De Ridder*	S Davis**
Weds 26 Fulham . . . . .	D 1-1	K Davis	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Shaw	Schneiderlin	Cork	Puncheon	Ramirez*	Ramirez**	Lambert 1	Rodriguez*	Do Prado**
Sat 29 Stoke . . . . .	D 3-3	K Davis	Yoshida	Fonte	Hooiveld	Shaw*	Puncheon**	Schneiderlin	Cork	Do Prado	Rodriguez 1	Lambert 1	Fox*	Richardson**
<b>JANUARY</b>														
Tues 1 Arsenal . . . . .	D 1-1	Boruc	Cork	Fonte	Hooiveld	Shaw	Puncheon	Schneiderlin	S Davis	Do Prado***	Ramirez** 1	Lambert*	Rodriguez*	W-Prowse**
Sat 5 Chelsea (FAC 3) . . . . .	L 1-5	Boruc	Cork	Fonte**	Yoshida	Shaw	Schneiderlin*	S Davis	Puncheon***	W-Prowse	Do Prado	Rodriguez 1	De Ridder*	Hooiveld**
Sat 12 Aston Villa . . . . .	W 1-0	Boruc	Clyne	Yoshida	Hooiveld	Shaw***	Puncheon**	Schneiderlin	Cork	Ramirez*	Rodriguez	Lambert 1	Fox	Lee***
Weds 16 Chelsea . . . . .	D 2-2	Boruc	Clyne	Yoshida	Hooiveld	Shaw	Puncheon 1	Schneiderlin	Cork	Do Prado***	Ramirez*	Rodriguez*	Lambert* 1	De Ridder***
Mon 21 Everton . . . . .	D 0-0	Boruc	Clyne	Yoshida	Hooiveld	Shaw	Schneiderlin	Cork	Puncheon***	Ramirez**	Do Prado*	Lambert	Rodriguez*	Ramirez***
Weds 30 Man United . . . . .	L 1-2	Boruc	Clyne	Yoshida	Hooiveld	Fox***	Schneiderlin	Cork	Puncheon**	Ramirez*	Rodriguez 1	Lambert	Lallana*	De Ridder***
<b>FEBRUARY</b>														
Sat 2 Wigan . . . . .	D 2-2	Boruc	Clyne**	Yoshida	Hooiveld	Shaw	Schneiderlin 1	Cork	Puncheon***	Ramirez*	Rodriguez	Lambert 1	S Davis*	W-Prowse***
Sat 9 Man City . . . . .	W 3-1	Boruc	Clyne	Yoshida	Hooiveld	Fox**	Schneiderlin	Cork	Puncheon* 1	S Davis*** 1	Rodriguez	Lambert	Lallana*	W-Prowse***
Sun 24 Newcastle . . . . .	L 2-4	Boruc	Clyne	Yoshida	Hooiveld	Shaw*	Schneiderlin 1	Cork	Rodriguez***	S Davis**	Lallana	Lambert 1	Fox*	Puncheon***
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# Cherries/Pompey Spotlight

## The rise and rise of Charlie

**IT is little wonder Charlie Austin still takes a moment to pinch himself.**

One of the most prolific strikers in English football, he is the hottest property outside of the Premier League, *writes IAN WADLEY.*

But life was not always such a dream for the bricklayer turned Championship goalscorer extraordinaire.

It was not so long ago that the Burnley hotshot was building walls, rather than demolishing defences.

"When I look back, four years ago I was playing with my mates on a Sunday morning," Austin said.

"I was playing on a Sunday morning and the people watching were walking their dogs!"

The 23-year-old's fairytale, dizzying climb from relative obscurity is real life Roy of the Rovers stuff.

But despite his status as a star in the pro ranks, you couldn't accuse Austin of forgetting his roots.

Back in Dorset this week for a joint Poole Town-Wessex Cancer Trust fundraiser, he remembers his Tatnam times in the Sydenhams Wessex League in 2008/09 with great affection.

After relocating with his family to Westbourne from his hometown of Hungerford, the raw, unproven frontman was told to go and try his luck with the Dolphins.

Sixty-four goals and 57 appearances later, Austin's place in Wessex League folklore was assured and his path into professional football had been well and truly mapped out.

The rest is history.

"Micky Hubbard played a big part," said Austin, reflecting on his early days with Poole.

"If I hadn't met Mick, then I don't think I would have clicked with many others.

"We just got on really well. Luckily enough, I was up front and he was in midfield and that was one of the reasons why it clicked."

Austin's exploits caught the attention of Eddie Howe, pictured below, who took him on trial with Cherries but the Dean Court outfit missed out due to their transfer embargo.

Swindon came calling to hand Austin his big chance in September 2009 before Howe finally landed his man in a £1.2million deal for Burnley in January 2011.

Having netted 80 times in 151 professional appearances for those two clubs – including two League 1 winners for Swindon against Saints in March 2010 and September 2010 – Austin has been linked with an England cap and numerous top-flight suitors.

Poole are

already understood to have profited to the tune of around £200,000 from Austin's Swindon transfer and subsequent achievements. But the 23-year-old says he also owes a lot to Poole.

"I left Hungerford, still playing non-League, not really thinking I was going to get a football career. I went to Poole Town and everything changed for me," he said.

"I knew I could score goals but I never realised I would be able to do it as frequently as I did at Poole.

"The Wessex Premier and the Hellenic Premier are the same standard and when I left Hungerford, I had not done so well there.

"I went to Poole Town and had to show myself. I was glad my mum and dad moved because if I hadn't gone to Poole Town, I don't think I would be a professional footballer.

"It was a massive step for me to move to Bournemouth. I took the gamble and it has paid off."

But despite moving on to bigger and better things, like any frontman, he doesn't forget his goals.

"My favourite memories at Poole include winning the league and going pretty much unbeaten until the last two games of the season," recalled Austin.

"Also, I remember the night we played Dorchester in the Dorset Senior Cup final. I scored in extra-time and then Steve Smith scored and we won 2-0."

There was little reason for anybody at Poole to complain as Austin tore up the Wessex League with alarming ease. But when he did step out of line, he was quickly put in his place.

Many a footballer has been on the receiving end of a robust challenge from Poole's legendary midfielder Taffy Richardson, but it was a tongue-lashing which Austin was hit with.

He said: "In my last game against Moneyfields away, we were losing 1-0 and I didn't really know what was going on with my move to Swindon.

"I had the hump and had a little tantrum. We were 1-0 down, I wasn't really in the mood and was being silly.

"Taffy said to me 'Charlie, come on, we have got to be here next week. If you're not, we still have to be'.

"I just thought 'I am playing with my mates here and I don't really want to let them down, whether I am going to be here or not'.

"Then, the next minute, I just went on a rampage." Poole won the game 6-1.

Austin scored five. Sunday mornings in the park are a thing of the past...but some things haven't changed.



**METEORIC RISE:** Charlie Austin in action for Burnley this season, above, and playing for Poole Town in 2009, left.



# Non-league Football

## Non-league News

**Bubb's a free agent**  
FORMER Eastleigh loanee Bradley Bubb is considering his options.

Currently on loan at Blue Square Bet Premier side Woking, the striker's Aldershot Town contract is up at the end of this season.

The 24-year-old, pictured below, scored a hat-trick for the Cards in last Saturday's 5-2 win over AFC Telford, but says he doesn't know where his future lies now that Andy Scott has replaced Dean Holdsworth at the Shots helm. "It's not down to me whether I go back to Aldershot or not," he said. "With the new gaffer coming in, I don't know."

Bubb, a Grenada international, proved a huge success at Eastleigh last season after joining them on loan midway through the Blue Square Bet South campaign. He scored ten goals in 18 appearances.



**Culliford fundraiser**  
WESTBOURNE Fire Station this week hosted a fundraiser for former Poole Town midfielder Andy Culliford, who is battling motor neurone disease.

Culliford, a local firefighter, is well known in Dorset and Hampshire non-League circles, having also played for the likes of Bashley, Wimborne Town and Bournemouth Poppies. His colleagues arranged a pirate-themed fancy dress party for him yesterday (Friday) to raise money for his treatment.

**Scholarship course**  
LIMITED places are now available on the Sports Scholarship courses starting at Gosport Borough's Privett Park base in September.

Youngsters aged between 16 and 19, who have a strong interest in coaching or are committed to continuing their football and academic education, can sign up for BTEC level 2 and 3 courses. Coaching sessions will be provided by UEFA-qualified coaches and there will be competitive fixtures in the ECFA National League.

For more details contact Tony Stares on 023 9217 7715 or email him at [aasportse-ducoaching2012@gmail.com](mailto:aasportse-ducoaching2012@gmail.com).

## Bashley plan testimonial for Gazzard

PAUL Gazzard is to be honoured with a testimonial match at Bashley early next month.

Some of the biggest names on the local non-League circuit will take on an AFC Bournemouth XI on Wednesday, April 3 (7.30pm).

Bashley's long-serving player-coach celebrates ten years at the Recreation Ground this season and

the landmark will be recognised when Cherries send a team to face Bashley's 2006/07 Southern One South & West title-winning side.

Gazzard, who has featured for Bash in every position, including goalkeeper, is approaching 300 appearances for the New Forest outfit whom he joined from the old Lymington & New Milton

club in July 2003.

A natural leader and excellent club man, he was named in the Southern One South & West 'team of the year' for 2006/07.

He will line up alongside the likes of AFC Totton's Steve Riley and Richard Gillespie and Sholing's Pete Castle on his big night.

Reflecting on his Bash career, Gazzard said: "I

have had some really good times at Bash. Lifting the league title topped it all and it is great that most of the lads from that team will play a part in the Bournemouth game.

"We broke loads of Southern League records that season and, looking back, it was a massive achievement. It's certainly something that will stay

with me forever.

"Torquay United away in the FA Trophy was another highlight - I remember (goalkeeper) David Elm playing a blinder that day. And last season when I donned the gloves against Stourbridge.

Admission for the testimonial will be £5.

As part of the celebrations, there will also be a golf day in August.

# BORO AFTER PROMOTION

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**RORY Williams' sensational Gosport Borough scoring streak shows no sign of stopping.**

The former GE Hamble winger fired his side in front as Borough made it 23 Evo-Stik Southern Premier games undefeated at Redditch United on Tuesday.

It took Williams' tally to ten since returning to Privett Park from the Planemakers at the end of January.

Dan Wooden's diving header polished off the 2-0 victory after the break, pushing promotion-hungry Borough up to fourth spot.

But for a trio of outstanding saves by Redditch keeper Dan Platt to deny Dan Woodward (twice) and Brett Poate, Gosport would have won by more.

"It's a bit nick-picking, but I felt we could have taken a bit of pressure off ourselves by scoring more goals," said manager Alex Pike.

"But I'm not going to be greedy. Two goals away from home and another three points puts us in the mixer."

So great is Gosport's ambition that they made an audacious move for former England 'keeper David James when they thought current No1 Nathan Ashmore would be leaving the club.

But 42-year-old James, who left AFC Bournemouth earlier this month, seems set to join Icelandic club IBV, managed by Hermann Hreidarsson.

It looked as if the outstanding



**HOT FORM:**  
Former Hamble star Rory Williams is banging in the goals for Gosport.

Ashmore would also be heading abroad when he was the subject of interest from Australian side Oakleigh Cannons.

But Ashmore has now informed Borough that he will be staying at Privett Park for the rest of the season.

Gosport chairman Mark Hook

said: "I think we could have attracted David James.

"It's not all about money, it's about wanting to play and achieve something towards the end of your career.

"That was exactly the case with Steve Claridge last season and Sammy Igoe this season."

## 'Church make late entrance to Div 1's title race

WHITCHURCH United have propelled themselves into the Sydenhams One title chase after a stunning sequence of six straight league wins featuring 24 goals scored and just two conceded.

Tuesday's 2-1 home victory over Fleet Spurs pushed the north Hampshire club up to second spot, just a point behind league leaders Cowes Sports.

An inspired substitution in the opening minutes of the second half transformed United's fortunes against Spurs.

It was the arrival of Paul Coventry, pictured, which turned the match as he latched onto a through ball to beat Ryan Bone with almost his first touch just before the hour.

The super sub then found Luke Walker with a defence-splitting pass with ten minutes remaining and the skilful striker did the rest to give Whitchurch another three points.

"We got away with that, to be honest," was manager Jim Macey's blunt assessment of the game.

"We didn't take our chances, but I told them at half-time that, if we scored, we would go on and win it and we did just that."

Few could have foreseen that outcome after Chris Musgrove had headed the visitors in front after teammate Dave Richards had a goal disallowed for pushing. Even after Coventry had levelled, Fleet could have regained the lead with 15 minutes to go when United goalkeeper Tom Hindmarsh was forced to bring down Thomas Chillery and Sam Knowles hit the bar with the free kick.

With Stockbridge due at Longmeadow today, a positive result could take Whitchurch top if Cowes slip up at Fleet Spurs.

"We have given ourselves a real chance now, but Stockbridge and everyone else will want to beat us," warned Macey.





# Non-league Football

**Eastleigh boss has seen it all in three decades of football**

## ILLEGAL BETTING IN BSB SOUTH 'WOULDN'T SURPRISE' HILL



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**NON-LEAGUE REPORTER**

**AFTER more than three decades in football at home and abroad, it takes a lot to shock well-travelled Eastleigh boss Richard Hill.**

Which is why news that the Football Association had contacted all 22 Blue Square Bet South clubs with concerns over "suspicious betting activity" came as no great surprise to him.

Football's governing body has appealed to BSB South clubs for information about possible breaches of the betting rules and asked them to remind players and officials of their responsibilities under the rules.

Although Hill, pictured above, has seen absolutely no evidence of any such activity in the Blue Square Bet South, he has seen at first hand that it does go on abroad and would never rule out the possibility of it happening on home shores.

"It's common knowledge that it goes on in other parts of the world and you tend to think we're squeaky clean over here, but we've got unscrupulous people in this country just as they have in other countries," he said.

"On my travels abroad I witnessed it first-hand when a side I was involved with was told two hours before kick-off that they wouldn't win the game.

"After the first 15 minutes, it was evident they couldn't win it when the centre-forward was blown for offside when he was actually three yards on-side – the fourth time it had happened in 15 minutes!

"I've not personally witnessed any-



## Former Spitfires target joins Dartford on loan

ONE-TIME Eastleigh target Jason Prior has joined Blue Square Bet Premier outfit Dartford on loan.

The former Moneyfields marksman, pictured left, came to Eastleigh's attention during his prolific goalscoring exploits for Bognor Regis Town and looked set to join the Spitfires in a £12,000 deal in January last year.

But Eastleigh withdrew their offer when it emerged that Prior – scorer of 92 goals in 120 appearances for Bognor – was going to Newcastle United on trial.

Prior subsequently signed for AFC Wimbledon for an undisclosed fee during the January transfer window having attracted the attention of several Football League clubs.

But the 24-year-old suffered an horrendous double leg fracture on only his

second start for the Dons at Crawley in April last year.

Dons boss Neal Ardley, who succeeded Terry Brown at the Wimbledon helm last October, said: "We've had a good chat and we decided the best thing for Jason would be to go and get a little run of games somewhere on loan.

"Jason is happy with that and there's nothing sinister about that other than we're trying to get back his sharpness and fitness. This is about Jason and we still believe he's a very good player."

Since returning from injury, Prior has made four substitute appearances for Wimbledon's first-team – the last of them at Rochdale in January.

He has been followed to Dartford by Charlie Sheringham, who has joined his old club on a month's loan from AFC Bournemouth.

thing like that over here, but my view is plain and simple – it wouldn't surprise me.

"We've all heard stories from abroad and I've actually witnessed it on my travels.

"We'd all like to think it doesn't happen in this country but, if anything has gone on, I'm sure the powers that be will police it and take the necessary action."

The full FA statement read: "The FA and the Gambling Commission have become aware of suspicious betting activity on a number of matches played in the Conference South.

"Following recent communications with the Gambling Commission, The

FA, in conjunction with the Football Conference, is contacting all clubs playing in the Football Conference South to advise them immediately of our concern about this suspicious betting activity.

"Clubs have also been asked to remind their players and officials of their responsibilities under the betting and integrity rules of the FA.

"Anyone with any information regarding possible breaches of these rules has been advised to come forward to The FA or to the Gambling Commission.

"In the meantime, we are continuing to work together with the Gambling Commission's Sports Betting Intelligence Unit in further

assessing the evidence regarding these suspicious betting patterns.

"The FA will be making no further comment on this matter."

Although there was no suggestion that Chelmsford City's recent 4-1 home loss to lowly AFC Hornchurch was suspicious, Eastleigh's BSB South play-off rivals were swift to issue a statement in which they said: "We have been contacted by authorities to discuss these circumstances and will continue to cooperate with their inquiries."

League sponsors Blue Square were not taking bets on Chelmsford or Hornchurch last weekend, nor on Billericay Town's home clash with leaders Welling.

## Non-league News

### History man Sam?

**SCHOOLBOY** Sam Turner may have carved his name into Wessex League history after bouncing off the bench to score for Bournemouth Poppies in their recent 4-1 Premier Division defeat at Fawley AFC.

At just 16 years and 66 days, the Winton Boys' School pupil became one of the youngest goalscorers – if not the youngest – in the league's 26-year history.

Although details of individual goalscoring records in the Wessex League are sketchy, players are not permitted to compete in either of its two divisions until they have reached their 16th birthday.

### Gosport golf day

**GOSPORT** Borough's annual golf day will be held on Friday, June 14 at Cams Hall Golf Club, Fareham.

Teams of four will compete in a nine-hole Texas Scramble followed by lunch and a full round of 18 holes.

Entry is £200 per team, but individuals can be catered for.

For more details or to register your entry, please contact Alex Pike at [alex@football-teamkit.co.uk](mailto:alex@football-teamkit.co.uk).

**Cherries ace joins Bash FRONTRUNNER** Alex Moth has joined Southern Premier outfit Bashley following his release from AFC Bournemouth.

The striker, pictured, is already acquainted with the local non-League scene having spent spells on

loan with New Milton Town in the Sydenhams Premier Division and Wimborne Town in the Southern One South & West.

**Robins boost firepower SYDENHAMS** One outfit Stockbridge have completed the capture of striker Danny Sullivan.

Formerly with the now extinct Andover FC, Sullivan scored twice in 23 Wessex appearances for Stockbridge's Sydenhams One rivals Andover New Street last term. Sullivan also includes Downton, Thatcham, Milton United and Broughton among his former clubs.

**'It's common knowledge that it goes on in other parts of the world and you tend to think we're squeaky clean over here, but we've got unscrupulous people in this country just as they have in other countries'**

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## Non-league News

**Jacob will be a cracker**  
MARK Molesey is backing Poole Town loan ace Jacob Jagger Cane to graduate with top marks from his term at the non-League school of hard knocks.

Ex-Cherries star Molesey, now a clubmate of Cane's at Exeter City, says the teenager is well equipped to look after himself.

Midfielder Cane, who signed a professional contract with Exeter during the summer, is with Poole on an initial month's loan.

Molesey said: "The only thing you worry about when a young lads goes out to a non-League club is whether he can handle the physical side. But Jacob can do the hard graft, stick his foot in and he is talented as well. He has definitely got a bright future ahead of him."

**Verwood boss search**  
VERWOOD Town are keen to develop their relationship with Rossgarth Youth – the club which discovered Eddie Howe, Steve Lovell and Matt Tubbs.

Cherries boss Howe, striker Tubbs and ex-Dean Court frontman Lovell were all brought up in the Verwood area and had their talents honed at Rossgarth from an early age.

Verwood are looking to recruit a reserve team manager to help strengthen the links with Rossgarth and maintain the excellent work of Richard Stainer who is due to step down in the summer.

The successful applicant will run the Potters' Wyvern Combination League team and work closely with first-team boss Adie Arnold.

"Our links with Rossgarth are becoming stronger and we are looking to develop the relationship further, offering a good route into senior football for young talent in the area," explained Verwood chairman Steve Jefferis.

The Sydenhams Premier club is looking for someone with experience of team management and say a good knowledge of the local non-League scene would be an advantage.

The closing date for applications is March 28. For more details or to apply, contact Jefferis on 07968 036393 or email [sjefferis@mbhplc.co.uk](mailto:sjefferis@mbhplc.co.uk).

## Hawks help Gos promotion push

HAVANT & Waterlooville have loaned out defender Ryan Woodford to Evo-Stik Southern Premier promotion chasers Gosport Borough.

With Ed Harris and AFC Bournemouth loanee Dan Strugnell forming an effective partnership in central defence, Woodford's chances with the Hawks have been limited since he was injured over the festive period.

Now, with Gosport's Lee Molyneux away on holiday, he has joined Alex Pike's men on an initial month's loan with the possibility of staying for the rest of the season.

"He is my type of player – one who can play it out from the back," said Gosport boss Pike, pictured.

"His style fits in with the way we try to play at Gosport."

Havant have also sent right-back Paul Hinshelwood out on loan to Ryman Premier title favourites Whitehawk for the remainder of the season and waved farewell to two of their own loanees, midfielders Jesse Kewley-Graham and Emmanuel Ignorae, who have returned to their parent club Wycombe Wanderers.

"Both lads settled in well and the

club would like to wish them good luck in their future careers," said an H&W statement.

"Jesse has been a calming influence in the centre of midfield while Emmanuel had a brilliant game away at Chelmsford where his pace and good ball skills caused havoc."

Hinshelwood – who was also wanted by Poole Town – is one of three familiar faces to have climbed on board at Whitehawk.

He is joined in East Sussex by former Havant winger Charlie Henry, released by Macclesfield Town last week, and Reading loanee Charlie Losasso who previously had a spell on loan with Salisbury City.



## WATER TORTURE FOR CLARKE

**SALISBURY City player-boss Darrell Clarke cut a frustrated figure last Saturday.**

After building his side up for the big Blue Square Bet South promotion clash against Dover Athletic, the match was abandoned at half-time with the score still goalless.

As rain and hailstones battered the Raymond McEnhill Stadium, referee Simon Knapp had little option but to postpone proceedings.

With Welling United winning 2-1 at Billericay Town, it meant the Whites slipped six points adrift of the league leaders.

But there was at least some good news for Clarke's men on Tuesday when the Wings wasted their game in hand by crashing 1-0 at Bath City.

Reflecting on last Saturday's abandonment, Clarke said: "Ultimately it's the referee's call.

"There were some big puddles on the pitch, but I'm disappointed for both sets of fans.

"It's never nice to see games abandoned.

"It's one of those things where everyone is left frustrated. Obviously when you start a match you want to see it through, but we'll have to do it all over again now.

"I wanted the game played and the three points, but it hasn't happened.

"It was a scruffy match between two committed sides playing in difficult conditions.

"The first period was pretty even. Perhaps we edged it, but we couldn't get our flowing football going.

"No doubt the replay will be a good game."

The match has been rescheduled for Tuesday, April 9 (7.45pm), handing Dover a lengthy midweek trip.

"It's a long way to come back in the week, but I don't mind too much as it's part of the job," said Dover boss Chris Kinnear.

"Our fans were pretty disappointed (the game was abandoned) as they got here early and travelled a long way to watch their side.

"Darrell and I said to the referee at half-time 'you make the decision'.

"The game could have gone either way, but our players were keen to play on as we thought we could have snatched it."

Dover edged up to third spot – five points behind Salisbury – with a hard-fought 1-0 home win over Bromley on Tuesday.

● THE next trial for the Salisbury City Academy football studies course will be held at the Ray Mac this Wednesday (March 27) from 6.30-8.30pm. The trials are open to players aged 16-19.

For further details visit <http://www.salisburycity-fc.co.uk/scfc-trial-information>.



## We're a match for anyone in league – Cuss

WIMBORNE Town boss Steve Cuss claimed his team were "a match for anyone" after the Magpies ended their five-match winless run with an emphatic 5-1 victory over form side Yate Town last Saturday.

Having fallen behind to Edd Vahid's early effort, the Magpies stunned the south Gloucestershire play-off chasers with two goals apiece from Shaun Brian and Jon Blake and a memorable effort from ex-Winchester City skipper and Sholing man Nathan Peprah-Annan.

The rampaging defender found himself wide on the left about 30 yards from goal. He cut in and unleashed a stunning strike which found its way into the top corner.

It was Wimborne's fourth win against the league's current top six this season and boss Cuss, pictured above, insists his charges have nothing to fear from the division's big guns.

"This result and some of the others we have had against the top sides show we are a match for anyone in this league on our day," he said.

"Consistency has been the word thrown around the dressing room all season and we have all felt the frustration when we haven't been able to find the level of performance that we aspire to on a regular basis.

"The performance was particularly pleasing against Yate because we had to show resilience and dig in.

"Yate created plenty of chances for a spell in the first half and the lads deserve a lot of credit for the way we stuck to the task and didn't go under at 1-0 down.

"We rode it out and reaped the rewards.

"They also had some pressure at 2-1, so the third goal was crucial, but we really kicked on from there and I was delighted with the performance and the result."

Cuss, whose team had failed to score in seven of their previous 11 league matches, admitted there was an element of luck to a couple of Wimborne's goals but insisted that fortune favours the brave.

"You make your own luck," he said. "We have been critical of the players at times this season, and particularly in recent weeks, for not shooting, so you earn that luck by having a go. "We talked about sharing the goals around other areas of the team.

"Our strikers have gone through a bit of a lean spell lately despite working hard to put it right, so getting goals from different areas takes the pressure off a little and gives you the chance to win matches."

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## TRIBUTES TO 'SARGE' - THE MAN WHO DISCOVERED BECKHAM

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Stuart  
Underwood.



**CHRISTCHURCH boss Graham Kemp has paid tribute to Stuart Underwood - the man who helped David Beckham on the road to football stardom.**

Affectionately known as 'Sarge', Mr Underwood was a popular figure on the local non-League football scene having coached at Christchurch, Wimborne Town and Bournemouth Poppies.

He died following a long battle with cancer earlier this month, aged 76. His funeral will be held at Christchurch Priory this Tuesday (March 26) at 1.30pm with the congregation going back to Priory's Hurn Bridge home.

Recalling his time working alongside Mr Underwood, Kemp said: "Stu helped me massively in my first two seasons at Christchurch.

"He had the respect of all the players and his old-school training sessions were legendary.

"You were in trouble if you mucked around.

"We will all miss him. He was a true gentleman."

Mick Ryan, who was Christchurch chairman during Mr Underwood's time at Hurn Bridge, added: "I am so glad I took the chance to say my goodbyes to Stuart. Even with Stu being so poorly, he still asked about us at Christchurch FC.

"He was a warm and gentle giant of a man who will be sadly missed and fondly remembered, not only by me and others at Christchurch, Poppies and Wimborne, but also by so many other players.

"My thoughts are for his caring wife Betty, family and friends - especially Tony Brown from our club, who was a close mate of Stu."

Mr Underwood honed the talents of former Manchester United and England star Beckham, pictured left, for nine years after putting an advertisement in the Walthamstow Guardian seeking players for an under-eight team, Ridgeway Rovers.

Despite signing for United as a 14-year-old, Beckham

continued playing for Underwood's all-conquering Rovers in the London Essex Youth Football League until moving permanently to Old Trafford two years later.

A statement posted on the Bournemouth Poppies website described Mr Underwood as "a true giant in the world of football," adding he would "always be remembered within the local football scene for his knowledge of the game and the stories he told."

He will also be fondly remembered at Wimborne, who said: "Sarge was part of the coaching staff at Cuthbury during Paul Arnold's tenure as manager.

"All at Wimborne send their condolences to Sarge's widow Betty."

Mr Underwood's family has requested no flowers but donations for Macmillan Nurses and Marie Curie may be made by cheque (Nicholas O'Hara Donations Account) and will be split accordingly. Send to Nicholas O'Hara, Funeral Directors, 38 Rowlands Hill, Wimborne, BH21 1AW (Tel: 01202 882134).

### Non-league News

**Bristow: All to play for HIS side may look set for a mid-table finish - but Basingstoke Town boss Jason Bristow insists there is still plenty to play for this season. Going into their final eight BSB South fixtures today, Town were 14th in the table - ten points outside the play-off places and nine points clear of the relegation zone.**

"It should not be difficult for the players to motivate themselves," said Bristow, pictured. "When I was a player, I wanted to win every game I played and that is the way it should be.

"Some players are playing for contracts and we still need a couple more wins to ensure we are safe.

"Once we have, we will start to focus on who we are going to keep and areas where we need to bring people in."

**Ex-Hawk flying high FORMER AFC Totton and Havant & Waterlooville striker Ryan Moss sent Bognor Regis Town crashing to their heaviest defeat of the season at Nyewood Lane on Tuesday.**

Moss helped himself to a superb first-half hat-trick as the Rocks were put to the sword 5-0 by Hampton & Richmond Borough in the Ryman Premier Division.

Moss, 26, who also played for Dorchester and Bashley, joined Hampton & Richmond in January along with ex-Eastleigh and Havant winger Tony Taggart.

**Sholing in cup final SHOLING'S reserves are through to the Wyvern Combination Challenge Cup final.**

Dave Fear's men were held 0-0 at New Milton Town on Tuesday, but blitzed their opponents with a barrage of goals in the second half of extra time.

Jack McCarthy, Ryan Lambert, Tom Strong and James Thomson scored in a 4-0 victory for the runaway Premier Division leaders.

The final pits Sholing against Dorchester Town, who defeated Wimborne Town 2-0 in Wednesday's semi. The final will be played at New Milton on Saturday, May 4 (3pm ko).

### Scriven released by Dossie

FORMER Havant & Waterlooville goalkeeper Kevin Scriven is among three players to have been released by Blue Square Bet South outfit Sutton United.

The Us former Eastleigh manager Paul Doswell also released defender Michael Boateng and striker Harry Ottaway following last Saturday's 1-0 home defeat by Farnborough.

Scriven, pictured, has had an injury-riddled season and had lost his place at Sutton to former Leyton Orient man Tom Lovelock.

A club statement said: "We would like to offer the players our best wishes for the future, particularly Kevin who made nearly 200



appearances for us and played such a pivotal role in our Ryman League championship success two seasons ago when he was voted the supporters' player-of-the-year having won the football club award the previous season."

Hampshire-based Scriven was signed by Sutton in the summer of 2009 after two

seasons at Havant where he featured in the Hawks' fairytale FA Cup journey to Liverpool. He had previously made about 100 appearances for Farnborough.

Sutton boss Doswell added: "Kevin's had a fantastic four seasons with us, but he's been blighted by injury this season. And, with Tom having done so well, he wasn't going to play much between now and the end of the season.

"It's the right thing to do for the club and for Kevin, who will hopefully find a club closer to home where he can play for the rest of the season. I would like to thank him for the fantastic service he's given the club."

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# Non-league Football

## Lee is inspired by Alresford success

LEE Burch intends using Alresford Town as a blueprint as he looks to revive the fortunes of ailing Hythe & Dibden.

It wasn't so long ago that Alresford – currently second in the Sydenhams Premier – were fighting annual battles to stay afloat in the Wessex top flight and Burch would love to take a leaf out of their book.

"I'm good friends with Danny Robinson at Alresford and seeing what he and Tim Cole (pictured) have done there is inspiring," said new boss Burch.

"Between them, they've put a lot of effort in at Alresford over a long time and they're getting the rewards now.

"It's the same with Blackfield & Langley. They're favourites for the Premier title and people always point to the money they're spending, but they were getting better year by year in any case. We look at them and Alresford as a blueprint for what can be achieved."

## Non-league News

### Sydenhams award for Vickers' men

BLACKFIELD & Langley's fabulous February has earned them the Sydenhams Premier club-of-the-month award.

Ashley Vickers' (pictured) men crammed six victories into a busy month, including high-scoring league wins over Romsey Town (6-1), New Milton Town (5-0) and Horndean (7-1).

The only blots on the Watersiders' copybook were successive 1-0 midweek defeats against Hayling United in the league and Brockenhurst in the Sydenhams League Cup.

The Division One award went to Whitchurch United who picked up ten of a possible 12 league points and concluded the month with a 9-0 caning of Amesbury Town.



# TIME AWAY FROM HYTHE HAS MADE ME A BETTER MANAGER, SAYS BURCH

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NON-LEAGUE REPORTER

**IF LEE Burch had known what would unfold at Romsey Town last season, he might never have left his player/co-manager's post at Hythe & Dibden.**

But the 28-year-old, above, who has just returned to Hythe for a second stint in charge, believes the rich experience he gained during his spell away from the Waterside club will hopefully make him a better manager in the long run.

Burch recalled: "When I left Hythe last season, I'd hoped to go to Romsey for at least three years to see out my playing days. But I didn't envisage that Wayne Mew, Stuart Long, Andy Darnton and the rest of the management team would all leave during the summer and that Richie Hayter would be the only senior player left there.

"I wouldn't have left Hythe in the first place if I'd known that was going to happen."

The silver lining for Burch was that he learned a great deal from Mew & co during his Bypass Ground days and was then fortunate enough to continue his footballing education under two more excellent managers.

From Romsey, he moved to Ian Chalk's Bemerton Heath Harlequins and, when that came to an end due to persistent injury problems, he had a brief spell playing for Adie Arnold and former Romsey coach Darnton at Verwood Town.

"All the experience I've had since leaving Hythe has been valuable," said Burch, a UEFA B Licence coach who earns his living working for the Football Association as an FA Tesco Skills Coach.

"I've worked under three very good managers and their assistants/coaches since leaving Hythe. Ian Chalk, Adie Arnold and Wayne Mew are all guys who've been involved in non-League for a long time, so I've had a very good grounding working with these people for the last 18 months."

During his year-and-a-half away from Hythe, Burch became good friends with Scott Johnston, former secretary of Hampshire League 2004 club Forest Town, who has joined him at Jones Lane as assistant manager.

"Scott's only 24, so he's very young, but he's got really good organisational skills, great contacts and enthusiasm," he said.

## Nine new signings

NEWLY-INSTALLED manager Lee Burch and his assistant Scott Johnston have wasted no time bolstering the Hythe & Dibden squad.

Although the Waterside club have used more than 40 players in Sydenhams One this season, the majority have made only a handful of appearances, leaving previous manager Wayne Harvey despairing at the lack of commitment.

Burch and Johnston can't guarantee an overnight cure but have used their many contacts in the game to draft in nine new signings – Michael Baker, Kieran Chalmers, Chris Morris, Dan Pithers, Harry Tregunna, Damien Davies, Michael Gilham, Luke Jones and Alex Liburd.

Midfielder Morris is arguably the most familiar addition, having previously played for Alresford, GE Hamble and Romsey.

In the long-term he could be destined for a return to the Sydenhams Premier but, having only recently arrived home from a spell abroad, he is happy to help out Hythe for the remainder of the season.

"Chris has an excellent pedigree but he's just returned from America and is relaxing a bit this year before looking for next season," said Burch.

"He and (left-back) Mike Gilham are friends, but they're both from the Basingstoke area, so we'll have to wait and see how they get round the travelling.

"Every club needs good people like him in the background and Scott's got all the ingredients to be successful at whatever club he's involved in.

"I met him through football, having played a handful of times for Forest Town, and we said not so long ago that we should have helped each other more in football.

"I then heard through a mutual friend that Wayne Harvey had gone from Hythe and I texted Scott because I knew he'd been interested prior to us getting involved there.

"Scott will help with the match-day stuff, but he's not a coach and I've got irons in the fire to bring in some-



**PREMIER DIVISION PEDIGREE:** Alex Morris, left, has played in the Sydenhams League top flight.

"Some of the lads we've put on forms may not be available all the time, but they will help us out when they can.

"(Midfielder) Harry Tregunna and (centre-back) Luke Jones have played for Hythe before, but it's not always about football for them and they can't always play.

"But they're both local lads and having players like them to call on is key because they will the club to do well."

The more players Burch attracts to Jones Lane, the less likely he is to have to play himself.

Although still only 28, he says he has "too many knocks and niggles" to don his boots again unless absolutely necessary.

"I'm not looking to play much at all," admitted the former Bashley, Blackfield & Langley and Winchester City utility man. "I've probably over-played

down the years and it's caught up with me. At Bemerton I had so many knocks and niggles that I couldn't shake off and it was getting me down.

"When I was at Hythe before I wasn't playing much and we did well.

"The worst thing is having to play when people are unavailable, injured or suspended because it means I can't have an influence from the sidelines."

one else on that side of things, but it may not happen until next season."

As a resident of Hythe the predicament of his local club has been a major concern to Burch.

The number of players used this season runs into the 40s, yet there have been weeks when they have struggled to piece a 15-strong squad together.

Inevitably, all the chopping and changing has taken a heavy toll on results, leaving the Boatmen floundering at the bottom of Sydenhams One.

"All the best sides have consistency but, looking at the Wessex website,

there are only maybe seven or eight players in double figures for appearances," said Burch.

"I live in Hythe and it's never good to see your local side struggling.

"It's unlikely there will be relegation this year, so the matches we have left will be like pre-season games rolling on to next season.

"Potentially Hythe are going to move grounds (from Jones Lane to Clayfields Sports Centre) in the near future, so hopefully this is a good time to be involved with moving the club forward.

"We want to get a bit of pride back into Hythe & Dibden."

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# Non-league Football



ON TARGET: Bemerton's Jack Eves, centre.

## Heath take advantage

BEMERTON Heath Harlequins were the only Sydenhams League club to get points on the board last weekend.

Another rain-lashed Saturday wiped out every fixture bar the Harlequins' trip to Lymington Town.

And Ian Chalk's men took full advantage, putting the pressure on the Premier Division's pacemakers with a thumping 5-0 win.

Jack Slade headed them in front from a corner, but the second didn't arrive until after the break when Jack Eves ran from deep inside his own half before finishing superbly.

Graham Mankin headed in a Steve Slade cross to make it 3-0 and then Danny Young's centre was nodded home by Ollie Roe.

Josh Thomas, Heath's recent defensive arrival from Downton, capped a fine personal and team display by netting the fifth goal – his second in two games.

"That's nine points out of the last nine for us and Saturday's performance was exceptional because Lymington had only lost one in their previous eight," said a delighted Chalk.

"It's nice to see the goals spread around the team and it feels like we've got our mojo back. We took our chance to put pressure on the top teams."

## Non-league News

**Joyce escapes blast**  
FORMER Salisbury City striker Ben Joyce was one of only two players to escape the wrath of his manager after Weymouth were slaughtered 5-0 at Stourbridge in the Evo-Stik Premier Division last Saturday.

Team boss Brendon King was scathing about the Terras' display and said only Joyce, below, and goalkeeper Simon Evans emerged with any credit.

Victory for Weymouth would have taken them ahead of second-placed Stourbridge in the play-off race, but King admitted: "We got what we deserved. Apart from Simon Evans and Ben Joyce, we were not at it all over the park."

"Some of the lads need to stop believing in their own press because we've achieved absolutely nothing yet."



## Terras' pitch battle

THE Dorset FA has asked Weymouth chairman Nigel Biddlecombe to comment on the situation that occurred in the vicinity of the referee's dressing room following the Dorset Senior Cup semi-final defeat against Wimborne Town on February 27.

The development comes after the Terras lodged an official complaint about the lack of medical provisions after the game at the County Ground, Hamworthy, which saw ex-Saints player Kyle Critchell suffer a fractured ankle.

Critchell himself said: "I don't mean to be derogatory, but if the Dorset FA wants the Senior Cup to be a show-piece, they could at least use their common sense and ensure these games are staged on decent pitches with adequate facilities."

Injury is nothing new to Critchell who joined Saints as a trainee in July 2003 after being spotted playing for Weymouth reserves.

He played in both legs of the FA Youth Cup semi-final of 2005 and suffered a broken ankle in the second leg.

He signed a professional contract in August 2005, but spent most of 2005/06 sidelined with crucial ligament damage before moving to Torquay (loan) and then Chesterfield.

# HUSSEYS EXCITED BY MILLERS PROGRESS

**THE Husseys have only been at Totton & Eling a matter of weeks, but already they are enjoying it more than their previous jobs.**

After feeling the heat at Winchester City and Lymington Town, Southampton-based brothers Stuart and Matt are far more relaxed this time round and say it's reflecting in the Millers' results, *writes WENDY GEE*.

The Husseys have steered T&E to two draws and three victories since their fateful opening game at Alton when, with outfielder Iain Calder in goal, the under-strength Millers crashed to a 4-0 defeat.

The only blot on their copybook was an 8-0 hiding at title favourites Blackfield & Langley, but that game may well be replayed if the Watersiders are found to have fielded ex-Miller Steve Green ineligibly against his old club.

"I don't know if it's because the pressure's off, but Matt and I seem to be enjoying it more at Totton & Eling and it's showing in the results," said younger brother Stuart.

"To have suddenly gone five games undefeated in the league after the run they were on before we got here is really pleasing."

Matt agreed: "Each match we've



LOVING LIFE AT TOTTON: Stuart, left, and Matt Hussey.



won has been close, either 1-0 or 2-1, but everyone's pulling together and grinding out results.

"It's going to take time because the squad keeps changing due to work commitments etc, but the whole team is working really hard."

Top gun Craig Feeney, now dual-signed with Southern Premier neighbours AFC Totton, came back with a bang at Fareham Town on Tuesday, scoring in T&E's 2-1 win.

He struck inside the opening minute, making a perfectly timed run onto Terry Cox's through ball and beating Fareham keeper Luke Douglas with a clinical finish.

T&E's second, scored with 11 minutes remaining, has been awarded to

Sam Carter for his jinking run and cross which went in off the far post, but the club themselves credited Feeney with the last touch.

"Craig could have had four on another night," said Stuart Hussey. "He hit the post at the end of the first half and should have done better when he was clean through, but he took too big a touch and it ran through to the 'keeper."

"But, to be fair to Fareham, they had a fair few chances themselves in the first half."

It was Bryn McKie who wiped out Feeney's opener after ten minutes, latching onto Wayne Boud's chipped through ball and dinking his shot over 17-year-old Millers

'keeper Matt Fredericks.

But, for all their pressure, Fareham failed to convert again, leaving manager Matt Parr to reflect: "We've had more shots on goal than we've probably had in several games here."

"I gave the players a few things to do before the game and they have done everything but get the result."

"The tempo, the work-rate and everything was there, we were just missing that killer instinct."

With regular goalkeeper Tony Harrop ruled out by a thigh strain, T&E had handed a debut to young Fredericks against Portchester the previous week.

And the teenager did so well that he kept the gloves to face Fareham.

Fredericks played a handful of games for Hythe & Dibden earlier in the season and made headlines in November for an heroic performance for AFC Totton's victorious under-18s in the FA Youth Cup at AFC Bournemouth.

"We were offered Matt by the manager of our under-18 youth team who he plays for on Sundays," said Stuart Hussey.

"He's only young, but he's got plenty of raw ability and confidence."

"It's given us a bit of a headache now choosing between him and Tony Harrop, but I'd rather have that problem as opposed to Iain Calder in goal at Alton!"



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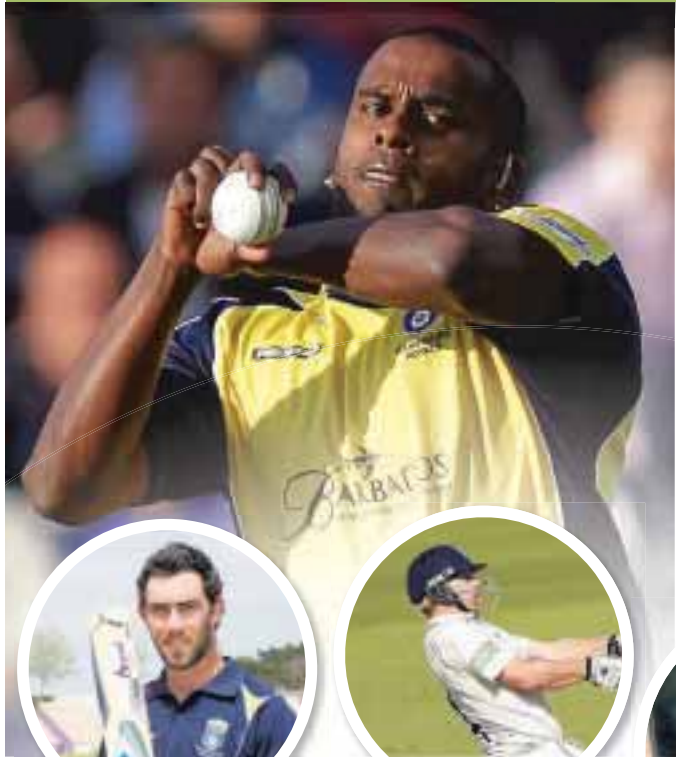
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# Cricket

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## COUNTY INS AND OUTS

### Derbyshire

**IN:** Richard Johnson (Warwickshire), Billy Godleman (Essex)

**OUT:** Jake Needham (retired), Garry Park (released), Matt Lineker (released), Hamza Siddique (released)

**OVERSEAS:** Shivnarine Chanderpaul (West Indies)

### Durham

**IN:**

**OUT:** Michael Di Venuto (retired) Liam Plunkett (Yorkshire)

**OVERSEAS:** TBC

### Essex

**IN:** Sajid Mahmood (Lancashire)

**OUT:** Charl Willoughby (retired), Billy Godleman (Derbyshire), Michael Comber (released), Adam Wheeler (Hampshire)

**OVERSEAS:** Rob Quiney (Australia), Shaun Tait (Australia t20)

### Glamorgan

**IN:** Murray Goodwin (Sussex), Michael Hogan (Western Australia)

**OUT:** Robert Croft (retired), James Harris (Middlesex), Chris Ashling, Aneurin Norman, Mike O'Shea (all released)

**OVERSEAS:** Marcus North (Australia), Dirk Nannes (t20, Australia)

### Gloucestershire

**IN:** Gareth Roderick, Cameron Herring (academy), Craig Miles (academy), Matt Taylor (academy)

**OUT:** Jonathan Batty (retired), David Wade (released)

**OVERSEAS:** Michael Klinger (Australia), Dan Christian (t20, Australia)

### Hampshire

**IN:** Michael Roberts (Unicorns), Jack Sheppard (youth), Adam Wheeler (Essex)

**OUT:** Kabir Ali (Lancashire), Bilal Shafayat (released)

**OVERSEAS:** George Bailey (Australia), Saeed Ajmal (August onwards)

### Kent

**IN:** Callum Haggett (Somerset)

**OUT:** Simon Cook (released)

**OVERSEAS:** Brendan Nash (West Indies)

### Lancashire

**IN:** Wayne White (Leicestershire), Kabir Ali (Hampshire), Alex Davies, Gavin Griffiths, Luis Reece, Arron Lilley (all academy)

**OUT:** Saj Mahmood (Essex), Naqaash Tahir (released), Gary Keedy (Surrey)

**OVERSEAS:** Simon Katich (Australia)

### Leicestershire

**IN:** Niall O'Brien (Northamptonshire), Robbie Williams (Middlesex), Tom Wells, Ollie Freckingham, Angus Robson (all academy), Anthony Ireland

**OUT:** Wayne White (Lancashire), Will Jefferson (retired), Paul Dixey (retired), Robbie Joseph, Will Jones, Jacques du Toit, Nadeem Malik (all released)

**OVERSEAS:** Ramnaresh Sarwan (West Indies, beginning and end of season), Joe Burns (Australia, May-August)

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SPORTS EDITOR

### IT'S almost with us again.

The most unpredictable elite level sporting league in the country.

The LV= County Cricket Championship will early next month lift the covers on another summer of thrilling combat – providing it ever stops raining.

One thing is for sure – no-one can predict with any certainty who will end up winning the title.

Things are more predictable in other major leagues.

Let's look at the Premier League in football.

Manchester City and Manchester United were the top two last season, and probably will finish the top two again this term – albeit in different positions.

In the last ten seasons, only four clubs have won the title – the two Manchester clubs, Arsenal and Chelsea.

In rugby union's Premiership, the story is pretty similar.

Though three clubs have won the title in the last three seasons, only five – Wasps, Leicester, Sale, Saracens and Harlequins – have won it in the last ten years. None of those clubs have been relegated in that time.

As for the Super League in rugby league, there have been only four champions in the last decade – Leeds, who have won it six times, Bradford, Wigan and St Helens.

None of those teams have been relegated either.

Now let's study the County Cricket Championship's top flight.

There have been four different winners in the last four seasons, and five different counties have won it in the last ten years.

Of those five, all but Durham have been relegated from the top flight in the same period.

Both Nottinghamshire in 2006 and Lancashire last season were relegated just 12 months after winning the title.

Can you imagine that happening in football, rugby union or rugby league?

Imagine Manchester United getting relegated the year after lifting the Premier League crown.

For some, it's a lovely thought – but it will never happen.

County cricket clubs cannot be so relaxed.

No-one can rest on their laurels.

Can you imagine a newly promoted club winning the Premier League in football?

*Cricket is  
a game to keep  
you guessing  
- that's if it  
ever stops  
raining!*

Did anyone ever think that Saints, Reading or West Ham could challenge for the title this term?

Of course not.

It wasn't always like that, of course.

Ipswich Town won the top flight at the first time of asking in 1962, and Nottingham Forest did likewise in 1978.

In county cricket, that sort of thing can still happen.

In 2005, Nottinghamshire and Hampshire, the two teams fresh up from Division 2, finished in the top two in the top flight.

As already mentioned, Nottinghamshire went down the year after. What fun if the Premier League

was this nuts!

Of course, the Championship is not perfect.

Most games are still played out in front of crowds that can be counted in the hundreds rather than the thousands.

That has been the case for many years, and it's hard to see that status quo changing.

Saints would attract bigger crowds if they said fans could come along and watch the first team squad train than Hampshire could manage for some Championship matches.

County cricket clubs do not sur-

**WHO'S THE BOOKIES' TIPS FOR GLORY IN 2013? SEE PAGE 32**





## COUNTY INS AND OUTS

### Middlesex

IN: James Harris (Glamorgan), Nick Gubbins (academy)  
OUT: Andrew Strauss (retired), Robbie Williams (Leicestershire), Scott Newman (released), Anthony Ireland (released), Tom Scollay (released), Steven Crook (Northamptonshire)  
OVERSEAS: Chris Rogers, Adam Voges (T20)

### Northamptonshire

IN: Matthew Spriegel (Surrey), Steven Crook (Middlesex), Ben Duckett, Rob Keogh, Christian Davis, James Kettleborough (academy), Muhammad Azhar Ullah.  
OUT: Jack Brooks (Yorkshire), Niall O'Brien (Leicestershire), Chaminda Vaas, Ben Howegogo, Rob White, Dave Burton (all released)  
OVERSEAS: Trent Copeland (April-June, Australia), Cameron White (T20, Australia)

### Nottinghamshire

IN: Ajmal Shahzad (Yorkshire)  
OUT: Darren Pattinson (gave up domestic status), Neil Edwards (released), Karl Turner (released), Scott Elstone (released)  
OVERSEAS: Ed Cowan (April-June, Australia), David Hussey (June-August, Australia)

### Somerset

IN:  
OUT: Callum Haggett (Kent)  
OVERSEAS: Alviro Petersen (April-July, South Africa), Abdur Rehman (July onwards, Pakistan)

### Surrey

IN: Vikram Solanki (Worcestershire), Gary Keedy (Lancashire)  
OUT: Rory Hamilton-Brown (Sussex), Mark Ramprakash (retired), Matthew Spriegel (Northamptonshire), Chris Jordan (Sussex), Tom Lancefield (released)  
OVERSEAS: Graeme Smith (South Africa), Ricky Ponting (June-July, Australia)

### Sussex

IN: Rory Hamilton-Brown (Surrey), Chris Jordan (Surrey)  
OUT: Murray Goodwin (Glamorgan), Andy Hodd (Yorkshire), Naveed Arif, Will Adkin (both released)  
OVERSEAS: Steve Magoffin (Australia), Scott Styris (T20, New Zealand), John Hastings (t20, Australia)

### Warwickshire

IN: Oliver Hannon-Dalby (Yorkshire)  
OUT: Richard Johnson (Derbyshire), Neil Carter, Andy Miller (both released)  
OVERSEAS: Jeetan Patel (New Zealand)

### Worcestershire

IN: Graeme Cessford (Royal Air Force), Michael Johnson  
OUT: Vikram Solanki (Surrey), James Cameron (retired), Ben Scott (released), Jack Manuel (released)  
OVERSEAS: Thilan Samaraweera (Sri Lanka), Jacob Oram (t20, New Zealand)

### Yorkshire

IN: Andy Hodd (Sussex), Jack Brooks (Northamptonshire), Liam Plunkett (Durham)  
OUT: Anthony McGrath (retired), Ajmal Shahzad (Nottinghamshire), Oliver Hannon-Dalby (Warwickshire), Gerard Brophy (released)  
OVERSEAS: TBC

# ARE ENDLESS

**RARE GLIMPSE:** Kevin Pietersen back at The Ageas Bowl in t20 action for Surrey last summer.

in a month.

Cricketers have to play a maximum of 16 four-day games – weather permitting! – to put themselves in with a chance of earning their county Wayne Rooney's monthly salary.

Of course, it is impossible to compare Premier League football with county cricket.

If Hampshire could attract 30,000 people to their home games, as Saints can, perhaps the cricketers would earn footballers' salaries.

What the Premier League does offer, though, is the chance to regularly see the country's top players.

England's leading footballers are, obviously, regulars for their clubs.

That is not the case with county cricket, and has not been since central contracts were introduced more than a decade ago.

As a result, we have the situation where England's top players – like Kevin Pietersen, Jimmy Anderson and Stuart Broad – are rarely seen in action for their counties.

Famously, Pietersen played just one first class game for Hampshire between July 2005 – when he made his England Test debut – and September 2010, when he was loaned to Surrey in order to get some first team experience.

Can that be right?

Is it sensible management of one of the country's key players, or a bit of a smack in the face for the loyal band of people who love to watch county championship cricket?

I appreciate the days have gone when the likes of Ian Botham played in most of Somerset's first class and one day games – as he did in 1981 – and in between dashing up and down motorways to play in front of hundreds of people found time to demolish the Aussies.

I do not expect our major players to play more than a handful of games for their counties any more.

That's not to say I understand it, though.

What harm can it do for the batsmen, or the bowlers for that matter, to be given an occasional championship game to keep them ticking over?

After all, you wouldn't be asking Jimmy Anderson to bowl all day long if he was told he could play for Lancashire.

Surely there's a more sensible approach to central contracts?

One that at least gives cricket fans more than just a glimpse of the nation's top players in action for their counties.

Perhaps there's not, though.

England climbed to the top of the world rankings under the central contract system, and three Ashes wins in the last four series can help to cover up a variety of complaints.

Anyway, that's a slight rant over with.

Now let's get ready for the cricket.

If it ever stops raining, that is..

vive on gate receipts from memberships and those that turn up now and again to watch a day's Championship action.

They couldn't.

That is where t20 cricket comes into its own, as a major revenue stream – from ticket sales as well as bar takings.

It is sad that the best teams in county cricket are so regularly watched by so few.

It is also a bit of a sad indictment that the prize money for winning what is a very hard league is as low as the crowds.

The champion county receives £500,000, of which £375,000 is divided between the players and what remains goes to the club.

Half a million quid is probably what some of the Premier League's top footballers earn





### HAMPSHIRE CHAMPIONSHIP STATS 2012 - BATTING

	In	No	Rns	HS	Av	100	50
JHK Adams	25	5	987	149	49.35	3	4
K Ali	9	1	140	31	17.50	0	0
DJ Balcombe	22	7	299	73	19.93	0	1
MD Bates	22	0	437	103	19.86	1	1
DR Briggs	6	2	49	20*	12.25	0	0
MA Carberry	18	2	414	84*	25.87	0	3
LA Dawson	25	2	682	134*	29.65	1	2
SM Ervine	23	3	696	109*	34.80	1	4
DA Griffiths	6	1	27	21	5.40	0	0
SM Katich	23	2	738	196	35.14	1	5
ND McKenzie	9	3	403	139	67.16	1	2
D Mascarenhas	5	0	79	27	15.80	0	0
H Riazuddin	6	1	68	28	13.60	0	0
BM Shafayat	10	0	289	93	28.90	0	2
SP Terry	4	0	34	19	8.50	0	0
JA Tomlinson	14	7	45	11	6.42	0	0
JM Vince	18	1	417	114	24.52	1	0
CP Wood	14	1	318	105*	24.46	1	1



**TOP RUNSCORER:** Jimmy Adams.

### HAMPSHIRE CHAMPIONSHIP STATS 2012 - BOWLING

	Ov	Ms	Rns	Wkts	BB	Av
JHK Adams	18	2	4	1	1-4	4.00
K Ali	1299	36	769	22	3-42	34.95
DJ Balcombe	3031	103	1589	59	8-71	26.93
DR Briggs	493	15	249	5	2-79	49.80
MA Carberry	24	0	19	1	1-1	19.00
LA Dawson	1565	59	829	23	5-29	36.04
SM Ervine	1322	55	689	26	4-96	26.50
DA Griffiths	544	14	316	9	3-40	35.11
SM Katich	198	4	93	2	1-22	46.50
D Mascarenhas	624	36	241	7	2-40	34.42
H Riazuddin	468	17	240	10	5-61	24.00
BM Shafayat	12	0	15	0		
JA Tomlinson	2257	82	1131	43	5-69	26.30
JM Vince	18	0	6	0		
CP Wood	1517	68	683	19	4-52	35.94



**TOP WICKET-TAKER:** David Balcombe

# BRIGGS REACHES HANTS CROSSROADS

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**ONE of the more interesting comments over the winter regarding a Hampshire Cricket star surrounded young spinner Danny Briggs.**

The 21-year-old from the Isle of Wight has been a key figure in the county's three one day tournament victories in the last three years.

He was the second highest wicket-taker in the 2010 t20 Cup season, and his form in the shortest format has led to senior England international honours in both t20 and the 50-over game.

But Simon Katich spoke a few months ago about how Hampshire need to give Briggs more game time in the County Championship in 2013, or risk losing him to a rival county who can offer him just that.

Despite being a virtual regular in the four day team in both 2010 and 2011 - Briggs played 12 Championship games in the first of those seasons and 11 the one after - he only managed four such appearances in 2012.

The wet weather that cast such a dismal shadow over so much of the English domestic programme last year obviously didn't help his cause.

And neither did the emergence of Liam Dawson as a major force slow bowling force to complement his top order batting ability.

Dawson bagged 23 Championship wickets in 2012, compared to just 11 in the three seasons prior to that put together.

Katich believes Hampshire cannot afford to limit Briggs' first class appearances so much again, and hope to keep him at The Ageas Bowl.

It is generally accepted that English cricket is short of up and coming spinners who could star



**WARNING:** Simon Katich

both Rafiq and Dockrell played in ten games.

Another young slow bowler, Durham's Scott Borthwick - who is only a year older than Briggs - played in 13 Championship games.

So you can easily see where the highly experienced Katich is coming from.

Briggs actually played almost as many 2nd XI Championship games for Hampshire in 2012 - three - as he did for the first XI.

Unsurprisingly, he was very effective in the matches he played.

Against Gloucestershire, Briggs took 5-60 in the second innings at The Ageas Bowl to set up an eight-wicket win.

And a few weeks later his 4-34 in the second innings against Somerset at Taunton Vale CC again helped his county win.

But such performances mean little for a man who could one day play Test cricket.

Briggs enters what could possibly be a watershed 2013 season for himself obviously still in the England selectors' minds.

Having played in the t20 World Cup last autumn - he took 1-36 off four overs after opening the bowling in the win against New Zealand - he is unlikely to be jettisoned from the squads too soon.

Briggs also played all three games for the England Performance Programme XI on their tour of India in December.

Though he had a tough time of it in the three-day game against the Dr DY Patil Sports Academy XI - taking match figures of 1-141 off 33.3 overs - he did well in two one-day games against the Netherlands in Pune.

In a t20 contest, Briggs bagged 2-30 and he followed that up with 2-20 off six overs in a 50-contest against the same nation.

Briggs was selected to tour Australia with the England Lions last month, but had to withdraw due to injury.

#### Danny Briggs' championship record

2009			
Mat	Rns	Wkts	Av
3	295	5	36.87
2010			
Mat	Rns	Wkts	Av
12	1262	32	39.43
2011			
Mat	Rns	Wkts	Av
11	1393	38	36.65
2012			
Mat	Rns	Wkts	Av
4	249	5	49.80

in Test cricket.

Graeme Swann is now 33 and Monty Panesar 30, so it is worth looking at the next generation.

Former England spinner Norman Gifford is just one man who believes there is a lack of quality slow bowlers in county cricket who could step in for Swann and Panesar.

Gifford, who played in 15 Tests and took 2,068 first-class wickets, is looking to the future and sees a dearth of top-class spinners in the domestic game - asked:

"What slightly worries me is do

we have the depth behind Swan and Panesar?"

"I don't think we have at the moment."

"You've got young Danny Briggs, who has done well, you've got Azeem Rafiq at Yorkshire, George Dockrell at Somerset, and the young Simon Kerrigan at Lancashire."

Of the youngsters mentioned by Gifford, all were regulars in their counties' Championship side in 2012 - apart from Briggs.

Kerrigan appeared in 15 of Lancashire's 16 games, while

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# Cricket 2013

## McKenzie key for Royals

**NEIL McKenzie will arrive at The Ageas Bowl for his fourth successive stint with the Royals on the back of a great season in his home country South Africa.**

The batsman finished the 2012/13 Sunfoil Series as the leading runscorer, and also helped his Highveld Lions side to one-day silverware.

McKenzie, playing for Sunfoil runners-up Lions, scored 776 runs from 19 innings at 51.73 – 103 runs more than the next highest, Stiaan Van Zyl of the champions Cape Cobras.

The 37-year-old's highlight was an unbeaten 125 in a 252-run thrashing of third-placed Dolphins in Durban in early January.

Man of the match, though, went to McKenzie's former Hampshire colleague Imran Tahir.

The spinner claimed match figures of 12-108, including a second innings haul of 7-64.

McKenzie's scores in the 2012/3 four-day Sunfoil Series were:

v Cobras: 15 & 51.  
v Dolphins: 4 & 41.  
v Warriors: 50 & 8.  
v Knights: 73 & 43.  
v Dolphins: 2 & 125\*  
v Cobras: 14 & 28\*.  
v Titans: 12.  
v Titans: 70 & 40\*.  
v Knights: 40 & 10\*.

There was silverware for McKenzie in the 50-over South African domestic one-day Cup. He scored 274 runs and averaged 54.80 as the Lions reached the final against Cape Cobras.

After the final was washed out by rain, the teams agreed to try again.

But that, too, was abandoned because of the weather so it was agreed they would share the trophy.

McKenzie and his Lions colleagues are currently competing in the South African



**TOP RUNSCORER: Neil McKenzie.**

domestic t20 series, and after seven games are top of the qualifying table.

So far McKenzie has not enjoyed a great personal campaign, scoring 115 runs in six innings at just 23.00.

He is due to join Hampshire again in June, where he is then available for all formats of the game.

The former South African Test opener – he appeared in 58 Tests for his country – has been a consistent runscorer for Hampshire across all formats of the game in his three years with the county.

That is why Hampshire officials were to keen to bring him back, certainly as the Royals will be without the experienced Simon Katich this coming season.

After all, not many county cricketers can boast a first class career of more than 270 games, plus a similar amount of senior one-day matches, plus more than 100 t20 outings.

Manager, Giles White said: "Neil has proved an extremely popular, loyal and influential cricketer."

"For all those reasons, he was a priority signing."

In 2010 McKenzie scored 801 Championship runs, and 12 months later was the Royals' leading four-day runscorer with 1,120 in the season they were relegated from the top division.

Last year, despite only playing five games of the Championship season, he scored 403 runs at 67.16 with a century and two half-centuries.

Indeed, James Vince only scored 14 more runs in the Championship than McKenzie, despite playing six more games.

Against Essex at Chelmsford in July, despite having had only one brief first class innings since the start of February, McKenzie opened the Hampshire innings and scored 139.

That was the sort of ability the Royals could have done with throughout the season.

McKenzie has also emerged as a key figure for Hampshire in the t20.

In his first season with the county, he scored 440 runs at 40.00 as the Royals won the title for the first time on home soil.

He was man of the match in the thrilling final win against Somerset, hitting 52 as his side won by virtue of losing fewer wickets with the scores level.

In 2011, he was Hampshire's second top runscorer with 408 at 37.09 as the Royals were beaten in the semi-finals by Somerset.

Last year, McKenzie helped Hampshire win the t20 for the second time in three years.

Though he only scored 140 runs from nine innings, it was his superb unbeaten 79 from only 49 balls that helped the county win their quarter-final at Nottinghamshire.

McKenzie has also helped the Highveld Lions reach two South African t20 finals in 2010 and 2012, losing on both occasions.

As a result, he has twice represented the Lions in the Champions League, choosing them over Hampshire in last year's tournament.

There was no such clash of interests in 2010 as Hampshire weren't allowed to compete in the Champions League even though they had won the English t20, due to a clash of dates.

## HAMPSHIRE fixtures 2013

### APRIL

10-13 Leicestershire (h) .....LVCC2  
17-19 Loughborough UCCE (h) .....FR  
24-27 Worcestershire (h) .....LVCC2  
29-May 2 Essex (a) .....LVCC2

### MAY

3 Essex Eagles (a), .....CB40 (FL)  
5 Scotland (h) .....CB40  
6 Surrey (a) .....CB40  
8-11 Gloucestershire (a) .....LVCC2  
19 Durham Dynamos (h) .....CB40  
22 Lancashire (h) .....CB40 (FL)  
23-26 Lancashire (h) .....LVCC2  
29- 1 Northamptonshire (a) .....LVCC2

### JUNE

5-8 Kent (h) .....LVCC2  
12-15 Gloucestershire (h) .....LVCC2  
18 Derbyshire (h) .....CB40 (FL)  
22 Durham Dynamos (a) .....CB40  
26 Surrey (h) T20 .....(FL)  
28 Essex Eagles (a) T20 .....(FL)

### JULY

5 Sussex Sharks (a) .....T20 (FL)  
8-11 Glamorgan (a) .....T20  
12 Sussex Sharks (h) .....T20 (FL)  
14 Middlesex (Richmond) .....T20  
15-18 Kent (a) .....LVCC2  
19 Surrey (a) .....T20 (FL)  
21 Kent Spitfires (h) .....T20  
26 Essex Eagles (h) .....T20 (FL)  
29 Kent Spitfires (a) .....T20 (FL)  
31 Middlesex Panthers (h) .....T20 (FL)

### AUGUST

2-5 Glamorgan (h) .....LVCC2  
6 Bangladesh A (h) .....FR  
6-8 T20 quarter finals  
11 Essex Eagles (h) .....CB40  
13 Scotland (a) .....CB40  
15 Surrey (h) .....CB40 (FL)  
17 T20 Finals Day (Edgbaston)  
20 Lancashire (a) .....CB40 (FL)  
26 Derbyshire Falcons (a) .....CB40  
28-31 Lancashire (Southport & Birkdale CC) .....LVCC2

### SEPTEMBER

3-6 Northamptonshire (h) .....LVCC2  
7/9 CB40 semi-finals  
11-14 Worcestershire (a) .....LVCC2  
17-20 Leicestershire (a) .....LVCC2  
21 CB40 final, .....Lord's  
24-27 Essex (h) .....LVCC2

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Champ Div 1:  
Last 10 years

SUSSEX won the title for the first time ever in 2003 – and their points total of 257 has not been beaten since.

2003	P	W	L	T	D	Abn	Pts
Sussex	16	10	4	0	2	0	257
Lancashire	16	6	2	0	8	0	223
Surrey	16	6	3	0	7	0	219
Kent	16	6	5	0	5	0	198
Warwickshire	16	4	5	1	6	0	171.5
Middlesex	16	3	3	0	10	0	169
Essex	16	3	5	1	7	0	156
Nottinghamshire	16	2	8	0	6	0	132
Leicestershire	16	1	6	0	9	0	125.5

2004	P	W	L	T	D	Abn	Pts
Warwickshire	16	5	0	0	11	0	222
Kent	16	7	3	0	6	0	206
Surrey	16	5	5	0	6	0	195.5
Middlesex	16	4	4	0	8	0	179
Gloucestershire	16	3	3	0	10	0	172
Sussex	16	4	5	0	7	0	172
Worcestershire	16	3	6	0	7	0	161
Lancashire	16	2	4	0	10	0	154
Northamptonshire	16	1	4	0	11	0	134

2005	P	W	L	T	D	Abn	Pts
Nottinghamshire	16	9	3	0	4	0	236
Hampshire	16	9	3	0	4	0	233.5
Sussex	16	7	3	0	6	0	224
Kent	16	6	3	0	7	0	210.5
Warwickshire	16	8	5	0	3	0	209.5
Surrey	16	4	3	0	9	0	188.5
Middlesex	16	4	5	0	7	0	181.5
Gloucestershire	16	1	10	0	5	0	104
Glamorgan	16	1	14	0	1	0	88.5

2006	P	W	L	T	D	Abn	Pts
Sussex	16	9	2	0	5	0	242
Lancashire	16	6	1	0	9	0	224
Hampshire	16	6	3	0	7	0	207
Warwickshire	16	6	5	0	5	0	189
Kent	16	4	4	0	8	0	175
Yorkshire	16	3	6	0	7	0	154
Durham	16	4	8	0	4	0	153.5
Nottinghamshire	16	4	7	0	5	0	153
Middlesex	16	1	7	0	8	0	133.5

2007	P	W	L	T	D	Abn	Pts
Sussex	16	7	3	0	5	1	202
Durham	16	7	5	0	4	0	197.5
Lancashire	16	5	2	0	8	1	190
Surrey	16	5	4	0	6	1	178
Hampshire	16	5	3	0	8	0	177
Yorkshire	16	4	4	0	8	0	175
Kent	16	3	5	0	7	1	153
Warwickshire	16	2	5	0	9	0	139
Worcestershire	16	1	8	0	5	2	95

2008	P	W	L	T	D	Abn	Pts
Durham	16	6	3	0	6	1	190
Nottinghamshire	16	5	3	0	7	1	182
Hampshire	16	5	4	0	7	0	178
Somerset	16	3	2	0	11	0	174
Lancashire	16	5	2	0	8	1	170
Sussex	16	2	2	0	12	0	159
Yorkshire	16	2	5	0	9	0	159
Kent	16	4	6	0	6	0	154
Surrey	16	0	5	0	10	1	124

2009	P	W	L	T	D	Abn	Pts
Durham	16	8	0	0	8	0	240
Nottinghamshire	16	4	2	0	10	0	193
Somerset	16	3	1	0	12	0	182
Lancashire	16	4	2	0	10	0	175
Warwickshire	16	3	3	0	10	0	174
Hampshire	16	3	3	0	10	0	169
Yorkshire	16	2	2	0	12	0	166
Sussex	16	2	6	0	8	0	143
Worcestershire	16	0	10	0	6	0	94

2010	P	W	L	T	D	Abn	Pts
Nottinghamshire	16	7	5	0	4	0	214
Somerset	16	6	2	0	8	0	214
Yorkshire	16	6	2	0	8	0	203
Lancashire	16	5	3	0	8	0	182
Durham	16	5	3	0	8	0	173
Warwickshire	16	6	9	0	1	0	166
Hampshire	16	3	6	0	7	0	157
Kent	16	3	7	0	6	0	151
Essex	16	2	6	0	8	0	126

2011	P	W	L	T	D	Abn	Pts
Lancashire	16	10	4	0	2	0	246
Warwickshire	16	9	4	0	3	0	235
Durham	16	8	4	0	4	0	232
Somerset	16	6	7	0	3	0	189
Sussex	16	6	6	0	4	0	182
Nottinghamshire	16	5	6	0	5	0	173
Worcestershire	16	4	11	0	1	0	142
Yorkshire	16	3	6	0	7	0	138
Hampshire	16	3	6	0	7	0	127

2012	P	W	L	T	D	Abn	Pts
Warwickshire	16	6	1	0	9	0	211
Somerset	16	5	1	0	10	0	187
Middlesex	16	5	4	0	7	0	172
Sussex	16	5	5	0	6	0	167
Nottinghamshire	16	4	2	0	10	0	163
Durham	16	5	5	0	5	1	157
Surrey	16	3	4	0	8	1	139
Lancashire	16	1	5	0	10	0	106
Worcestershire	16	1	8	0	7	0	96

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**MURRAY GOODWIN'S SUSSEX CHAMPIONSHIP RECORD**

2001	Inn	No	Rns	Av	2007	Inn	No	Rns	Av
30	4	1521	58.50	25	5	1078	53.90		
2002	Inn	No	Rns	Av	2008	Inn	No	Rns	Av
28	0	1179	42.10	25	2	1343	58.39		
2003	Inn	No	Rns	Av	2009	Inn	No	Rns	Av
28	3	1496	59.84	27	3	800	33.33		
2004	Inn	No	Rns	Av	2010	Inn	No	Rns	Av
25	2	756	32.86	26	3	1201	52.21		
2005	Inn	No	Rns	Av	2011	Inn	No	Rns	Av
25	1	1380	57.50	29	3	1372	52.76		
2006	Inn	No	Rns	Av	2012	Inn	No	Rns	Av
27	1	1649	63.42	23	1	360	16.36		

**GOLDEN OLDIES**

**EXPERIENCED:**  
Murray Goodwin.

**A 40-year-old batsman and another who is 37 could play a vital part in the County Championship's Second Division promotion battle in 2013.**

And Essex will be hoping a 30-year-old Australian Test player will help spearhead their challenge.

Murray Goodwin was released by Sussex last year after a fabulous 12-year career on the south coast.

In nine of those seasons he scored over 1,000 Championship runs for the county, helping them win three Championship titles along the way.

And in one of the seasons where Goodwin failed to reach four figures, in 2009, he struck the county's highest ever Championship score of 344 not out against Somerset at Taunton.

It remains the sixth highest score in the competition's history.

Despite his age, Goodwin was quickly snapped up by Glamorgan, who have been trying to get out of the Championship's second tier since 2006.

Ex-Hampshire batsman Simon Katich, meanwhile, is returning for his ninth Championship campaign, and his second for Lancashire.

The 37-year-old first played for Lancashire three years ago, though he only managed one Championship appearance.

Essex, meanwhile, have signed Rob Quiney for his first taste of English

county cricket.

The 30-year-old made his Test debut against South Africa last autumn, scoring nine in his first Test before bagging a pair in his second.

He has not been picked since.

He has endured a tough 2012/13 Sheffield Shield season, hitting just 295 runs from 13 innings at 26.81.

That is in contrast to the 2011/12 campaign when he scored 938 runs at 49.36 including 114 and 119 in the same game against South

Australia.

Quiney finished second highest runscore in the tournament, just 10 behind current Australian opener Ed Cowan.

He was also second top run-getter in the 2010/11 Sheffield Shield, with 724 runs at 42.58.

Though he has never played for an English county before, Quiney has some experience of English conditions.

Back in the summer of 2005 he played for Cricket Victoria against Hampshire 2nds at The Ageas Bowl.

He will have good memories of the game, too, as his unbeaten 86 helped his side to victory.

That match was part of an eight-game tour of England for Victoria, which also included a friendly against a Southern Cricket League XI at Havant.



**EXPERIENCED:** Simon Katich.



## Cricket 2013

# WRIGHT MOVE FOR CHRIS

## NO-one can say Chris Wright hasn't paid his dues.

The 27-year-old former Southern Electric Premier League all-rounder emerged as a key figure in Warwickshire's march to the County Championship crown in 2012.

He ended as the Bears' leading wicket-taker, earning England international recognition in the process.

Prior to being a County Championship winner, Wright had played 85 Southern Electric Premier League matches for Liphook & Ripsley and Havant.

In May 2001, when Wright first played for Liphook in the Southern Electric Premier League, he opened the batting as well as the bowling. Against Calmore, one of only two games he played that season in the SEPL, he scored 67 in an opening stand of 178 with Steve Riley (116).

Wright played the whole 2002 summer for Liphook as well before spending the 2003 season with Havant, where he took 18 wickets at 33.05.

Wright returned to Liphook ahead of the start of the 2004 SEPL term, hitting 60 in his first game against the Hampshire Academy.

He was to play three more seasons for the north Hampshire club.

The one-time Cambridge University student was certainly noted by Hampshire youth officials during his teens.

He played for the county's under-17s in 2001 and for the under-19s the following year. Playing against the Isle of Wight under-19s at the Ageas Bowl's Nursery ground in 2002, Wright followed up a 4-16 haul by scoring an unbeaten 43.

Wright ended up at Warwickshire at the start of last season after spells at two other two counties.

The Oxfordshire-born seamer made his Championship debut for Middlesex in June 2005, though it was not an occasion to remember. Wright returned match figures of 0-103 against Surrey, and in his second game again failed to take a wicket, recording match figures of 0-56.

Fast forward to April 2006 and Wright's maiden Championship wicket came against Kent when he dismissed David Fulton, though he ended with match figures of 1-112.

Wright was to play four Championship games in 2006, but his five wickets cost an average of 93.80 each.

He only managed two Championship games for the county in 2007 – his three wickets averaging 35.66 – so it was no real shock when he was released at the end of that season.

Wright's career only really took off when he signed for Essex ahead of the 2008 season.

In his debut season, he finished with 29 wickets at 26.55, including a career best 6-22 against Leicestershire at Grace Road.

In 2009 he bagged 40 wickets at 38.45, and followed that up with 31 at 37.29 in 2010 and 34 at 37.39 in 2011.

Such consistent form alerted Warwickshire, who were able to offer Wright top flight four-day cricket.

It was a move which was to earn him a Championship medal, Wright bagging 62 wickets at 24.08, finishing as the second leading wicket-taker in the two division structure. The only man with more wickets was former England international Graham Onions, who took just two more.

Wright saved his best performances for the closing weeks of the season.

First he bagged 5-119 against former county Middlesex before a season's best 5-24 haul as Midlands rivals Worcestershire were skittled for 60 in early September.

Wright's displays last summer earned him international recognition over the winter.

First, he was selected to go to India in December with the England Performance Programme squad.

There he appeared alongside Hampshire's Danny Briggs in two games against the Netherlands in Pune.

Wright also made his England Lions debut in February on the tour of Australia. He was handed his chance to shine in a one-day game against a Victoria XI, but returned figures of 0-78.

**FROM THE SOUTHERN LEAGUE TO ENGLAND:** Chris Wright in action for Warwickshire.

## Champ Div 2: Last 10 years

**DERBYSHIRE'S** total of 194 points was easily the lowest title-winning amount in the last 10 years.

2003	P	W	L	T	D	Abn	Pts
Worcestershire	16	10	1	0	5	0	245.75
Northamptonshire	16	10	2	0	4	0	245
Gloucestershire	16	5	2	0	9	0	190
Yorkshire	16	4	5	0	7	0	184.5
Glamorgan	16	5	5	0	6	0	183
Durham	16	5	7	0	4	0	159.25
Somerset	16	4	8	0	4	0	157
Hampshire	16	2	6	0	8	0	140
Derbyshire	16	2	11	0	3	0	114

2004	P	W	L	T	D	Abn	Pts
Nottinghamshire	16	9	2	0	5	0	252
Hampshire	16	9	2	0	5	0	228
Glamorgan	16	5	2	0	9	0	196.5
Somerset	16	4	5	0	7	0	175
Essex	16	3	6	0	7	0	165
Leicestershire	16	4	5	0	7	0	163.5
Yorkshire	16	3	4	0	9	0	162
Derbyshire	16	1	6	0	9	0	126
Durham	16	2	8	0	6	0	118.5

2005	P	W	L	T	D	Abn	Pts
Lancashire	16	7	3	0	6	0	212
Durham	16	6	2	0	8	0	205
Yorkshire	16	5	1	0	10	0	20.5
Northamptonshire	16	5	3	0	8	0	193
Essex	16	5	4	0	7	0	185
Worcestershire	16	5	7	0	4	0	179.5
Leicestershire	16	3	6	0	7	0	159.5
Somerset	16	4	7	0	5	0	155
Derbyshire	16	1	8	0	7	0	116

2006	P	W	L	T	D	Abn	Pts
Surrey	16	10	2	0	4	0	262
Worcestershire	16	8	4	0	4	0	229
Essex	16	7	4	0	5	0	220
Leicestershire	16	5	4	0	7	0	185.5
Derbyshire	16	4	4	0	8	0	178.5
Northamptonshire	16	3	5	0	8	0	163
Gloucestershire	16	3	6	0	7	0	155.5
Glamorgan	16	2	7	0	7	0	146.5
Somerset	16	3	9	0	4	0	140

2007	P	W	L	T	D	Abn	Pts
Somerset	16	10	1	0	5	0	266
Nottinghamshire	16	6	3	0	7	0	214.5
Middlesex	16	6	2	0	8	0	192.5
Essex	16	6	4	0	6	0	182
Northamptonshire	16	5	5	0	6	0	176
Derbyshire	16	3	5	0	8	0	147
Gloucestershire	16	3	5	0	8	0	139.5
Leicestershire	16	2	8	0	5	1	115
Glamorgan	16	1	9	0	5	1	92.5

2008	P	W	L	T	D	Abn	Pts
Warwickshire	16	5	0	0	11	0	213
Worcestershire	16	6	2	0	7	1	196
Middlesex	16	4	5	0	7	0	175
Northamptonshire	16	3	3	0	10	0	169
Essex	16	5	6	0	5	0	168
Derbyshire	16	4	3	0	9	0	167
Leicestershire	16	3	4	0	9	0	150
Glamorgan	16	3	5	0	7	1	136
Gloucestershire	16	0	5	0	11	0	122

2009	P	W	L	T	D	Abn	Pts
Kent	16	8	3	0	5	0	219
Essex	16	6	3	0	7	0	194
Northamptonshire	16	6	4	0	6	0	193
Gloucestershire	16	6	6	0	4	0	185
Glamorgan	16	2	2	0	12	0	175
Derbyshire	16	2	3	0	11	0	172
Surrey	16	1	4	0	11	0	148
Middlesex	16	2	7	0	7	0	140
Leicestershire	16	2	3	0	11	0	138

2010	P	W	L	T	D	Abn	Pts
Sussex	16	8	3	0	5	0	235
Worcestershire	16	7	4	0	5	0	208
Glamorgan	16	7	4	0	5	0	203
Leicestershire	16	7	5	0	4	0	199
Gloucestershire	16	6	9	0	1	0	172
Northamptonshire	16	6	7	0	3	0	167
Surrey	16	4	6	0	6	0	159
Middlesex	16	4	7	0	5	0	155
Derbyshire	16	3	7	0	6	0	138

2011	P	W	L	T	D	Abn	Pts
Middlesex	16	8	2	0	6	0	240
Surrey	16	8	4	0	4	0	227
Northamptonshire	16	7	2	0	7	0	226
Gloucestershire	16	6	5	0	5	0	198
Derbyshire	16	5	6	0	5	0	181
Glamorgan	16	5	6	0	5	0	178
Essex	16	4	4	0	8	0	159
Kent	16	5	9	0	2	0	149
Leicestershire	16	1	11	0	4	0	88

2012	P	W	L	T	D	Abn	Pts
Derbyshire	16	6	2	0	8	0	194
Yorkshire	16	5	0	0	11	0	194
Kent	16	4	3	0	9	0	170
Hampshire	16	4	5	0	7	0	153
Essex	16	3	3	0	10	0	145
Glamorgan	16	3	6	0	6	1	131
Leicestershire	16	3	3	0	10	0	130
Northamptonshire	16	2	5	0	9	0	130
Gloucestershire	16	3	6	0	6	1	126



## Who's won what?

### Yorkshire

County Championship (30) – 1893, 1896, 1898, 1900, 1901, 1902, 1905, 1908, 1912, 1919, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1935, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1946, 1959, 1960, 1962, 1963, 1966, 1967, 1968, 2001; shared (1) – 1949  
Gillette/NatWest/C&G/FP Trophy (3) – 1965, 1969, 2002  
Sunday League (1) – 1983  
Benson & Hedges Cup (1) – 1987

**Total: 35**

### Lancashire

County Championship (8) – 1897, 1904, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1930, 1934, 2011; shared (1) – 1950  
Gillette/NatWest/C&G Trophy (7) – 1970, 1971, 1972, 1975, 1990, 1996, 1998  
Sunday/National/Pro40 League (5) – 1969, 1970, 1989, 1998, 1999  
Benson and Hedges Cup (4) – 1984, 1990, 1995, 1996

**Total: 25**

### Surrey

County Championship (18) – 1890, 1891, 1892, 1894, 1895, 1899, 1914, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1971, 1999, 2000, 2002; shared (1) – 1950  
FP Trophy (1) – 1982  
Clydesdale Bank 40 (1) – 2011  
Pro40 League (2) – 1996, 2003  
Twenty20 Cup (1) – 2003  
Benson and Hedges Cup (3) – 1974, 1997, 2001

**Total: 27**

### Middlesex

County Championship (10) – 1903, 1920, 1921, 1947, 1976, 1980, 1982, 1985, 1990, 1993; shared (2) – 1949, 1977  
FP Trophy (4) – 1977, 1980, 1984, 1988  
Sunday/Pro 40 League (1) – 1992  
Twenty20 Cup (1) – 2008  
Benson & Hedges Cup (2) – 1983, 1986

**Total: 20**

### Kent

County Championship (6) – 1906, 1909, 1910, 1913, 1970, 1978; shared (1) – 1977  
Gillette/NatWest/C&G/Friends Provident Trophy (2) – 1967, 1974  
Sunday/Pro 40 League (5) – 1972, 1973, 1976, 1995, 2001  
Twenty20 Cup (1) – 2007  
Benson and Hedges Cup (3) – 1973, 1976, 1978

**Total: 18**

### Warwickshire

County Championship (7) – 1911, 1951, 1972, 1994, 1995, 2004, 2012  
Gillette/NatWest/C&G/Friends Provident Trophy (5) – 1966, 1968, 1989, 1993, 1995  
Sunday/Pro 40 League/CB40 (4) – 1980, 1994, 1997, 2010  
Benson & Hedges Cup (2) – 1994, 2002

**Total: 18**

### Essex

County Championship (6) – 1979, 1983, 1984, 1986, 1991, 1992  
Sunday/Pro 40 League (5) – 1981, 1984, 1985, 2005, 2006  
Gillette/NatWest/C&G/FP Trophy (3) – 1985, 1997, 2008  
Benson & Hedges Cup (2) – 1979, 1998

**Total: 15**

### Hampshire

County Championship (2) – 1961, 1973

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# HAMPSHIRE'S 11 ONE DAY TROPHY WINS - PICTURES



**1975:** Captain Richard Gilliat, left, receives the John Player Sunday League trophy.



**1978:** Gordon Greenidge helped Hampshire win the JPL again.



**1986:** Mark Nicholas helped Hampshire win the JPL again.

# HAMPSHIRE'S



**1992:** Robin Smith, left, and captain Mark Nicholas with the Benson & Hedges Cup.



**2005:** Shaun Udal ends a 13-year county wait for silverware by lifting the C & G Trophy at Lord's.



**2009:** Imran Tahir, left, and captain Mark Nicholas with the Friends Provident Trophy.



## RE SPECIAL



Nicholas lifts the John League title.



1988: Steve Jeffries sprays the champagne as Hants win the Benson & Hedges Cup at Lord's.



1991: David Gower, right, gets his hands on the NatWest Trophy.

## RICH PEDIGREE



Liam Dawson and another player hold aloft trophy after beating Sussex.



2010: Dominic Cork can't hide his delight after Hampshire won the t20 crown on home soil.



2012: Jimmy Adams lifts the CB40 silverware after a dramatic win over Warwickshire at Lord's

Gillette/NatWest/C&G/Friends Provident Trophy/CB40 (4) – 1991, 2005, 2009, 2012  
Twenty20 Cup (2) – 2010, 2012  
Sunday/National League (3) – 1975, 1978, 1986  
Benson & Hedges Cup (2) – 1988, 1992

**Total: 13**

### Sussex

County Championship (3) – 2003, 2006, 2007  
Friends Provident Trophy (5) – 1963, 1964, 1978, 1986, 2006  
Sunday/National League (3) – 1982, 2008, 2009  
Twenty20 Cup (1) – 2009

**Total: 12**

### Leicestershire

County Championship (3) – 1975, 1996, 1998  
Sunday/Nat League (2) – 1974, 1977  
Twenty20 Cup (3) – 2004, 2006, 2011  
Benson & Hedges Cup (3) – 1972, 1975, 1985

**Total: 11**

### Worcestershire

County Championship (5) – 1964, 1965, 1974, 1988, 1989  
Gillette/NatWest/C&G/Friends Provident Trophy (1) – 1994  
Sunday/Pro 40 League (4) – 1971, 1987, 1988, 2007  
Benson & Hedges Cup (1) – 1991

**Total: 11**

### Gloucestershire

Gillette/NatWest/C&G Trophy (5) – 1973, 1999, 2000, 2003, 2004  
Sunday/Nat League/Pro40 (1) – 2000  
Benson & Hedges Cup (3) – 1977, 1999, 2000

**Total: 9**

### Nottinghamshire

County Championship (6) – 1907, 1929, 1981, 1987, 2005, 2010  
Gillette/NatWest/C&G (1) – 1987  
Sunday/National League (1) – 1991  
Benson & Hedges Cup (1) – 1989

**Total: 9**

### Somerset

Sunday/Pro 40/Nat League (1) 1979  
Gillette/NatWest/C&G/Friends Provident Trophy (3) 1979, 1983, 2001  
Twenty20 Cup (1) 2005  
Benson & Hedges Cup (2) 1981, 1982

**Total: 7**

### Glamorgan

County Championship (3) – 1948, 1969, 1997. Sunday/National League (3) – 1993, 2002, 2004.

**Total: 6**

### Derbyshire

County Championship (1) 1936  
Sunday/Pro 40/Nat League (1) 1990  
Gillette/NatWest/C&G/Friends Provident Trophy (1) 1981  
Benson & Hedges Cup (1) 1993

**Total: 4**

### Durham

County Championship (2) 2008, 2009  
Gillette/NatWest/C&G/Friends Provident Trophy (1) 2007

**Total: 3**

### Northamptonshire

Gillette Cup/NatWest (2) – 1976, 1992  
Benson & Hedges Cup (1) – 1980.

**Total: 3**





## WHO'S WHO IN THE IPL?

**Chennai Super Kings:** MS Dhoni, Suresh Raina, Murali Vijay, R Ashwin, Ravindra Jadeja, Shadab Jakati, Srikkanth Anirudha, Subramaniam Badrinath, Wriddhiman Saha, Dwayne Bravo, Albie Morkel, Ben Hilfenhaus, Francois Du Plessis, Michael Hussey, Nuwan Kulasekara.

**Delhi Daredevils:** Ajit Agarkar, Andre Russell, Arisht Singhvi, Ashish Nehra, CM Gautam, David Warner, Gulam Bodi, Irfan Pathan, Jeevan Mendis, Jesse Ryder, Johan Botha, Kedar Jadhav, Mahela Jayawardene, Manpreet Juneja, Mome Morkel, Naman Ojha, Pawan Negi, Roelof Van Der Merwe, Royston Dias, Siddarth Kaul, Sujit Nayak, Shahbaz Nadeem, Umesh Yadav, Unmukt Chand, Varun Aaron, Venugopal Rao, Virender Sehwag, Yogesh Nagar.

**Kings XI Punjab:** Adam Gilchrist, Aniket Choudhary, Azhar Mahmood, Bhargav Bhatt, Bipul Sharma, David Hussey, David Miller, Dimitri Mascarenhas, Gurkeerat Mann Singh, Harmeet Singh Bansal, Luke Pomersbach, Manan Vohra, Mandeep Singh, Manpreet Gony, Nitin Saini, Parvinder Awana, Paul Valthaty, Piyush Chawla, Praveen Kumar, R Sathish, Ryan Harris, Sandeep Sharma, Shaun Marsh, Siddharth Chitnis, Sunny Singh.

**Kolkata Knight Riders:** Brad Haddin, Brendon McCullum, Brett Lee, Debabrata Das, Eoin Morgan, Gautam Gambhir, Iqbal Abdulla, Jacques Kallis, James Pattinson, Lakshmipathy Balaji, Laxmi Ratan Shukla, Manoj Tiwary, Manvinder Bisla, Mohammad Shami, Pradeep Sangwan, Rajat Bhatia, Ryan McLaren, Ryan ten Doeschate, Sachithra Senanayake, Sarabjit Singh Ladda, Shakib Al Hasan, Sunil Narine, Yusuf Pathan.

**Mumbai Indians:** Abu Nechim Ahmed, Akshar Patel, Aditya Tare, Aiden Blizard, Ambati Rayudu, Amitoze Singh, Dhawal Kulkarni, Dinesh Karthik, Dwayne Smith, Glenn Maxwell, Harbhajan Singh, Jacob Oram, Jalaj Saxena, James Franklin, Kieron Pollard, Lasith Malinga, Mitchell Johnson, Munaf Patel, Nathan Coulter-Nile, Philip Hughes, Pawan Suyal, Pragyan Ojha, Ricky Ponting, Rishi Dhawan, Rohit Sharma, Sachin Tendulkar, Suryakumar Yadav, Sushant Marathe, Yuzvendra Singh Chahal.

**Pune Warriors India:** Abhishek Nayar, Ajantha Mendis, Ali Murtaza, Angelo Mathews, Anustup Majumdar, Ashoke Dinda, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Dheeraj Jadhav, Eklavya Dwivedi, Harpreet Singh, Ishwar Pandey, Kane Richardson, Krishnakant Upadhyay, Luke Wright, Mahesh Rawat, Manish Pandey, Marlon Samuels, Michael Clarke, Mitchell Marsh, Mithun Manhas, Parveez Rasool, Rahul Sharma, Raiphi Gomez, Robin Uthappa, Ross Taylor, Shrikant Wagh, Steve Smith, Tirumalasetti Suman, Tamim Iqbal, Udit Birla, Yuvraj Singh, Wayne Parnell.

**Rajasthan Royals:** Ajinkya Rahane, Ajit Chandila, Ankeet Chavan, Amit Singh, Ashok Menaria, Brad Hodge, Brad Hogg, Dishant Yagnik, Fidel Edwards, Harmeet Singh, James Faulkner, Kevon Cooper, Kusal Janith Perera, Owais Shah, Pravin Tambe,

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# DIMI JETS OFF FOR

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### HAMPSHIRE will enter the 2013 season minus all-rounder Dimi Mascarenhas.

As recently revealed in the *Daily Echo*, the former England international is missing the first few weeks due to his Indian Premier League commitments.

For the second year running, Mascarenhas will be playing for Kings XI Punjab – the fifth year out of six that he will have played in the cash-rich tournament.

He will be one of only three English qualified players appearing in the competition when it begins on April 3.

Sussex's big-hitting all-rounder Luke Wright who will be playing for Pune Warriors for the second year running.

And batsman Owais Shah is turning out for the Rajasthan Royals, who for the first time in 2013 are without former Hampshire skipper Shane Warne.

Mascarenhas' former Ageas Bowl colleague Kevin Pietersen had been due to play for the Delhi Daredevils, but was earlier this week ruled out by injury.

England pair Alex Hales and Michael Lumb – the latter another of Mascarenhas' ex-Hampshire team-mates – would probably have won IPL contracts.

But Nottinghamshire told the pair, plus county colleague Samit Patel, that they wouldn't be allowed to play in this year's tournament due to the amount of county games they could miss.

For example, Mascarenhas will miss Hampshire's first five Championship games of 2013 if Punjab go all the way to the final.

That's almost a third of the county's entire first class campaign! Mascarenhas

made his IPL debut in May 2008 for Shane Warne's Rajasthan Royals against Delhi.

As a result, he became the first English-qualified player to appear in the league, in what was its debut season.

Mascarenhas took 2-29 in the game, which saw Rajasthan win by three wickets thanks mainly to Mascarenhas' former Ageas Bowl colleague Shane Watson blitzing

74 off 40 balls.

Rajasthan went on to win the final and Watson was to go on and win the player of the tournament award.

That was bad news for Hampshire.

Prior to the inaugural IPL, Watson had agreed to come back to Hampshire to play in 2008, three years after his second spell with the county.

**READY FOR ANOTHER IPL TITLE BID:** Dimi Mascarenhas is one of only three Englishmen taking part in the 2013 IPL.



But because he had done so well at the IPL, he won an Australian international recall and so couldn't play for the Royals at all that summer.

Mascarenhas was limited to just the one IPL appearance in 2008, but was back at Rajasthan the following year.

He made a stunning start to his first outing of 2009 against a Royal Challengers Bangalore side that

included Hampshire colleague Kevin Pietersen.

With only his second delivery of the game, he dismissed Kiwi Jesse Ryder and next ball clean bowled Ross Taylor.

Pietersen, who was making his IPL debut in the game, survived the hat-trick ball and went on to score 32 as Bangalore reached 133-8, Mascarenhas taking 3-20.

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That was as good as it got for Mascarenhas that night, though.

He was run out first ball in reply as Rajasthan were skittled for just 58, Anil Kumble running through the tail to finish with 5-5, at the time the fourth best t20 figures in history.

Rajasthan's 58 remains the lowest all out score in IPL history, and the sixth lowest of all time.

Mascarenhas played four more

IPL games that season, taking just three more wickets.

He didn't impress too much with the bat either, scoring only 39 runs in four innings, with a top score of 27.

Mascarenhas was back in 2010 for his third successive stint with Warner's Royals.

But he managed only two games, in the process picking up an Achilles injury which forced

him to miss almost the entire Hampshire season.

In his first game he dismissed Mumbai's legendary skipper Sachin Tendulkar, trapped leg before, but Mumbai still rattled up 212-6.

Due mainly to Yusuf Pathan's only t20 hundred in over 130 games – a blistering 100 off just 37 balls with eight sixes and nine fours – Rajasthan got close to

their target.

Mascarenhas was left nine not out and Warner one not out as their side finished agonisingly short on 208-7.

Mascarenhas dismissed two more star names in his next game, Delhi pair Gautam Gambhir and Tillakaratne Dilshan in successive deliveries, but Rajasthan were beaten again.

After a year's break, Mascarenhas was back in the IPL in 2012, this time with the King's XI Punjab.

In his second game for Punjab he produced a man of the match winning display, bagging 5-25 with the ball – his second best t20 bowling figures.

Among his victims were Saurav Ganguly, Marvin Samuels and Uthappa.

That was the undoubted highlight of his fourth IPL season, as Mascarenhas only took two wickets in his other three games combined.

Among his Punjab colleagues this year again will be legendary Australian wicket-keeper Adam Gilchrist.

Now 41, Gilchrist has only played t20 cricket since making his farewell appearance for the Baggy Green Caps in March 2008.

Almost all that cricket has been in the IPL, though he did have a six-game stint in the English t20 with Middlesex three years ago.

Australian batsman David Hussey is another Punjab colleague.

Well known to English cricket fans through his stints with Nottinghamshire, Hussey is the second highest t20 runscore of all time.

He has 4,821 runs from 198 games, placing him second behind fellow Aussie Brad Hodge (5,274 runs from 179 games).

West Indian big hitter Chris Gayle, though, is only 17 runs behind Hussey in the log, and Gayle – who with 10 t20 hundreds has nine more than Hussey – has played 71 fewer t20 games!

## WHO'S WHO IN THE IPL?

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Rahul Dravid, Rahul Shukla, S Sreesanth, Sachin Baby, Samuel Badree, Sanju Samson, Shane Watson, Shaun Tait, Shreevats Goswami, Siddharth Trivedi, Stuart Binny.

**Royal Challengers Bangalore:** AB de Villiers, Abhimanyu Mithun, Abhinav Mukund, Andrew McDonald, Arun Karthik, Cheteshwar Pujara, Chris Gayle, Christopher Barnwell, Dan Christian, Daniel Vettori, Harshal Patel, Jaidev Unadkat, K P Appanna, Karun Nair, Mayank Agarwal, Moises Henriques, Murali Kartik, Muttiah Muralitharan, Pankaj Singh, Prasanth Parameswaran, R Vinay Kumar, Ravi Rampaul, Rudra Pratap Singh, S Aravind, Sandeep Warrier, Saurabh Tiwary, Sheldon Jackson, Sunny Sohal, Syed Mohammad, Tillakaratne Dilshan, Vijay Zol, Virat Kohli, Zaheer Khan.

**Sunrisers Hyderabad:** Akshath Reddy, Amit Mishra, Anand Rajan, Ankit Sharma, Ashish Reddy, Biplab Samantray, Cameron White, Chris Lynn, Clint McKay, Dale Steyn, Darren Sammy, Dwaraka Ravi Teja, Hanuma Vihari, Ishant Sharma, Jean-Paul Duminy, Karan Sharma, Kumar Sangakkara, Nathan McCullum, Parthiv Patel, Quinton de Kock, Sachin Rana, Shikhar Dhawan, Sudeep Tyagi, Thalaivan Sargunam, Thisara Perera, Veer Pratap Singh.

## IPL HISTORY

## 2008

Two former Hampshire players combined to ensure Rajasthan Royals emerged as the first ever winners of the Indian Premier League. Shane Warner captained the Royals to their historic victory, while Shane Watson was voted player of the tournament.

## 2009

In a tournament moved to South Africa because of security concerns in India, Adam Gilchrist skippered Deccan Chargers to a six run final win against a Royal Challengers Bangalore side featuring Jacques Kallis, Mark Boucher and Rahul Dravid.

## 2010

Former Hampshire overseas player Matthew Hayden was on the winning Chennai Super Kings side as they beat Sachin Tendulkar's Mumbai Indians in the final. Ms Dhoni and Muttiah Muralitharan also played for Chennai.

## 2011

Dhoni again captained Chennai to victory, beating Royal Challengers Bangalore in the final. Among the winning team was Australians Mike Hussey and Doug Bollinger and South African Albie Morkel.

## 2012

Chennai's hopes of a third successive IPL title were dashed when Kolkata defeated them by five wickets in the final. Kallis was on the winning side this time, along with Australian fast bowler Brett Lee.

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## Ashes history – since 1981

**Test Bridge:** England 185 (Gatting 52.) & 125 (Lillee 5-46, Alderman 5-62), Australia 179 (Border 63) & 132-6. **Australia won by 4 wickets.**

**Lord's:** England 311 (Gatting 59, Willey 82, Lawson 7-81) & 265-8 (Gower 89, Boycott 60), Australia 345 (Border 64) & 90-4 (Wood 62). **Match drawn**

**Headingley:** Australia 401 (Dayson 102, Hughes 89, Yallop 58, Botham 6-95) & 111 (Willis 8-43), England 174 (Botham 50) & 356 (Botham 149, Dilley 56, Alderman 6-135). **England won by 18 runs.**

**Edgbaston:** England 189 (Alderman 5-42) & 219 (Bright 5-68), Australia 258 & 121 (Botham 5-11). **England won by 29 runs.**

**Old Trafford:** England 231 (Tavaré 69, Allott 52) & 404 (Botham 118, Tavaré 78, Knott 59, Emburey 57, Alderman 5-109), Australia 130 (Kent 52) & 402 (Yallop 114, Border 123). **England won by 103 runs.**

**Oval:** Australia 352 (Border 106, Wood 66, Kent 54, Botham 6-125) & 344 (Wellham 103, Border 84, Marsh 52), England 314 (Boycott 137, Gatting 53, Lillee 7-89) & 261 (Knott 70, Gatting 56, Brearley 51). **Match drawn.**

## England won series 3-1.

1982/83

**Perth:** England 411 (Tavaré 89, Randall 78, Gower 72, Yardley 5-107) & 358 (Randall 115, Lamb 56, Lawson 5-108), Australia 424 (Chappell 117, Hughes 62, Hookes 56, Lawson 50) & 73-2. **Match drawn.**

**Brisbane:** England 219 (Lamb 72, Lawson 6-47) & 309 (Fowler 63, Miller 60, Thomson 5-73, Lawson 5-87), Australia 341 (Wessels 162, Yardley 53, Chappell 53, Willis 5-66) & 190-3 (Hookes 66). **Australia won by 7 wickets.**

**Adelaide:** Australia 438 (Chappell 115, Hughes 88) & 83-2, England 216 (Lamb 82, Gower 60) & 304 (Gower 114, Botham 58, Lawson 5-66). **Australia won by 8 wickets**

**Melbourne:** England 284 (Tavaré 89, Lamb 63) & 294 (Fowler 65), Australia 287 (Hughes 66, Hookes 53, Marsh 53) & 288 (Hookes 68, Border 62, Cowans 6-77). **England won by 3 runs**

**Sydney:** Australia 314 (Border 89, Dyson 79) & 382 (Hughes 137, Border 83, Wessels 53), England 237 (Randall 70, Tavaré 70, Thomson 5-50) & 314. (Hemmings 94). **Match drawn.**

## Australia won series 2-1.

1985

**Headingley:** Australia 331 (Hilditch 119) & 324 (Phillips 91, Hilditch 80, Wessels 64, Emburey 5-82), England 533 (Robinson 175, Botham 60, Downton 64, Gatting 53) & 123-5. **England won by 5 wickets**

**Lord's:** England 290 (Gower 86, McDermott 6-70) & 261 (Botham 85, Gatting 75, Holland 5-68), Australia 425 (Border 196, Ritchie 94, Botham 5-109) & 127-6. **Australia won by 4 wickets**

**Trent Bridge:** England 456 (Gower 166, Gatting 74, Gooch 70, Lawson 5-103) & 196-2 (Robinson 77), Australia 539 (Wood 172, Ritchie 146). **Match drawn**

**Old Trafford:** Australia 257 (Boon 61) & 240 (Border 146, Wessels 50), England 482-9 (Gatting 160, Gooch 74, Lamb 67, McDermott 8-141). **Match drawn**

**Edgbaston:** Australia 335 (Wessels 83, Lawson 53, Ellison 6-77) & 142 (Phillips 59), England 595-5 (Gower 115, Robinson 148, Lamb, 100). **England won by an innings and 118 runs**

**Oval:** England 464 (Gooch 196, Gower 157), Australia 241 (Ritchie 64) & 129 (Border 59, Ellison 5-46). **England won by an innings and 94 runs**

## England won series 3-1.

1986/87

**Brisbane:** England 456 (Botham 138, Athey 76, Gatting 61, Gower 51) & 77-3, Australia 248 (Marsh 56, Matthews 56, Dilley 5-68) & 282 (Marsh 110, Emburey 5-80). **England won by 7 wickets.**

**Perth:** England 592-8 (Broad 162, Gower 136, Richards 133) & 199-8 (Gatting 70, Waugh 5-69), Australia 401 (Border 125, Waugh 71) & 197-4 (Jones 69). **Match drawn.**

# THE ASHES ARE

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**THE first Ashes Test of the summer is still more than three months away, but the build-up will begin in earnest this week.**

When the third and final Test against New Zealand finishes on Tuesday, England will have another two Tests against the Kiwis to look forward to at the beginning of the domestic season.

But that series is the hors d'oeuvres to what promises to be another mouth-watering summer of Ashes action.

Australia will hope to have avoided a 4-0 whitewash in India on Tuesday, their last day of Test cricket before the Ashes begin at Trent Bridge on July 10.

## Comical

Their tour of the sub-continent has been so bad it has been comical for us Pommies, who grew up assuming Antipodean hegemony was the natural order of things when Allan Border, Mark Taylor and Steve Waugh brought their all-conquering sides to these shores from 1989-2001.

Australia are sure to be provide better opposition than that which has spent a shambolic six weeks in India under Mickey Arthur and Michael Clarke, when the Baggy Greens take to the field in Nottingham in four months' time.

I recall Clarke scoring his first centuries in England at Trent Bridge, before going onto equal Gordon Greenidge's Hampshire record of three successive hundreds, during an otherwise nondescript season with the county in 2004.

Trent Bridge was also the setting when Australia last captured the urn on English soil 12 years ago.

But the only Ashes Test played there since was in 2005, when Michael Vaughan's side went 2-1 up by winning the thrilling penultimate match of that unforgettable series.

We will surely never witness the like again.

I, for one, will settle for a contest with the drama of 2009.

With Ashes series also scheduled for the next Australian season

(2013/14) and in England two years' hence, there is understandably some concern over potential overkill.

But not from where I am sitting.

Not with England so well equipped to win all three and complete five successive Ashes series victories for the first time since winning the first eight battles against the auld enemy when the rivalry began at the end of the 19th century.

There are injury concerns over two of our most reliable match-winners, Kevin Pietersen and Graeme Swann.

But if Pietersen's knee and Swann's elbow heal well enough, it is hard to see anything other than a comfortable England win.

Having missed much of the 2009 summer with a troublesome Achilles, Pietersen will be keen to repeat the form of his memorable

**Adelaide:** Australia 514-5 (Boon 103, Jones 93, Waugh 79, Matthews 73, Border 93) & 201-3 (Border 100), England 455 (Broad 116, Gatting 100, Athey 55) & 39-2. **Match drawn.**

**Melbourne:** Australia 141 (Jones 59, Botham 5-41, Small 5-48) & 194 (Marsh 60), England 349 (Broad 112). **England won by an innings and 14 runs**

**Sydney:** Australia 343 (Jones 184, Small 5-75) & 251 (Waugh 73, Emburey 7-78), England 275 (Gower 72, Emburey 69, Taylor 6-78) & 264 (Gatting 96, Sleep 5-72). **Australia won by 55 runs.**

## England won series 2-1.

1989

**Headingley:** Australia 601-7 (Taylor 136, Waugh 177, Jones 79, Hughes 71, Border 66) & 230-3 (Taylor 60, Border 60), England

430 (Lamb 125, Barnett 80, Smith 66, Alderman 5-107) & 191 (Gooch 68, Alderman 5-44). **Australia won by 210 runs**

**Lord's:** England 286 (Russell 64, Gooch 60, Gower 57) & 359 (Gower 106, Smith 96, Alderman 6-128), Australia 528 (Waugh, Boon, Lawson, Taylor) & 119-4 (Boon 58). **Australia won by 6 wickets**

**Edgbaston:** Australia 424 (Jones 157) & 158-2 (Taylor 51), England 242. **Match drawn.** Old Trafford: England 260 (Smith 143, Lawson 6-72) & 264 (Russell 128, Emburey 64, Alderman 5-66), Australia 447 (Waugh 92, Taylor 85, Border 80, Jones 69) & 81-1. **Australia won by 9 wickets**

**Trent Bridge:** Australia 602-6 (Taylor 219, Marsh 138, Boon 73, Border 65), England 255 (Smith 101, Alderman 5-69) & 167. **Australia won by an innings and 180 runs**

**Oval:** Australia 468 (Jones 122, Border 76,

Taylor 71) & 219-4 (Border 51, Jones 50), England 285 (Gower 79, Small 59, Alderman 5-66) & 143-5 (Smith 77). **Match drawn.**

## Australia won series 4-0.

1990/91

**Brisbane:** England 194 (Gower 61) & 114 (Alderman 6-47), Australia 152 & 157-0. **Australia won by 10 wickets**

**Melbourne:** England 352 (Gower 100, Russell 79, Larkins 64, Reid 6-97) & 150 (Gooch 58, Larkins 54, Reid 7-51), Australia 306 (Border 62, Taylor 61, Fraser 6-82) & 197-2 (Boon 94, Marsh 79). **Australia won by 8 wickets**

**Sydney:** Australia 518 (Matthews 128, Boon 97, Border 78, Jones 60) & 205 (Healy 69, Tufnell 5-61), England 469-8 (Gower 123, Atherton 105, Stewart 91, Gooch 59) & 113-4 (Gooch 54). **Match drawn.**

**Adelaide:** Australia 386 (Waugh 138, Matthews 65) & 314-6 (Boon 121, Border 83), England 229 (Gooch 87, Smith 53, McDermott 5-97) & 335-5 (Gooch 117, Atherton 87, Lamb 53). **Match drawn**

**Perth:** England 244 (Lamb 91, Smith 58, McDermott 8-97) & 182, Australia 307 (Boon 64, Matthews 60) & 120-1 (Marsh 63). **Australia won by 9 wickets**

## Australia won series 3-0.

1993

**Old Trafford:** Australia 289 (Taylor 124, Slater 58, Such 6-67) & 432-5 (Healy 102, Boon 93, SR Waugh 78, ME Waugh 64), England 210 (Gooch 65) & 332 (Gooch 133). **Australia won by 179 runs**

**Lord's:** Australia 632-4 (Boon 164, Slater 152, Taylor 111, Waugh 98, Border 77), England 205 (Atherton 80) & 365 (Atherton

99, Hick 64, Stewart 62, Gatting 59). **Australia won by an innings and 62 runs**

**Trent Bridge:** England 321 (Smith 86, Hussain 71, Hughes 5-92) & 422-6 (Gooch 120, Thorpe 114, Smith 50), Australia 373 (Boon 101, Waugh 70) & 202-6 (Julian 56). **Match drawn**

**Headingley:** Australia 653-4 (Border 200, SR Waugh 157, Boon 107, Slater 67, ME Waugh 52), England 200 (Gooch 59, Atherton 55, Reiffel 5-65) & 305 (Stewart 78, Atherton 63). **Australia won by an innings and 148 runs.**

**Edgbaston:** England 276 (Atherton 72, Emburey 55, Reiffel, 6-71) & 251 (Thorpe 60, Warne 5-82, May 5-89), Australia 408 (ME Waugh 137, Healy 80, SR Waugh 59) & 120-2 (Waugh 62). **Australia won by 8 wickets**

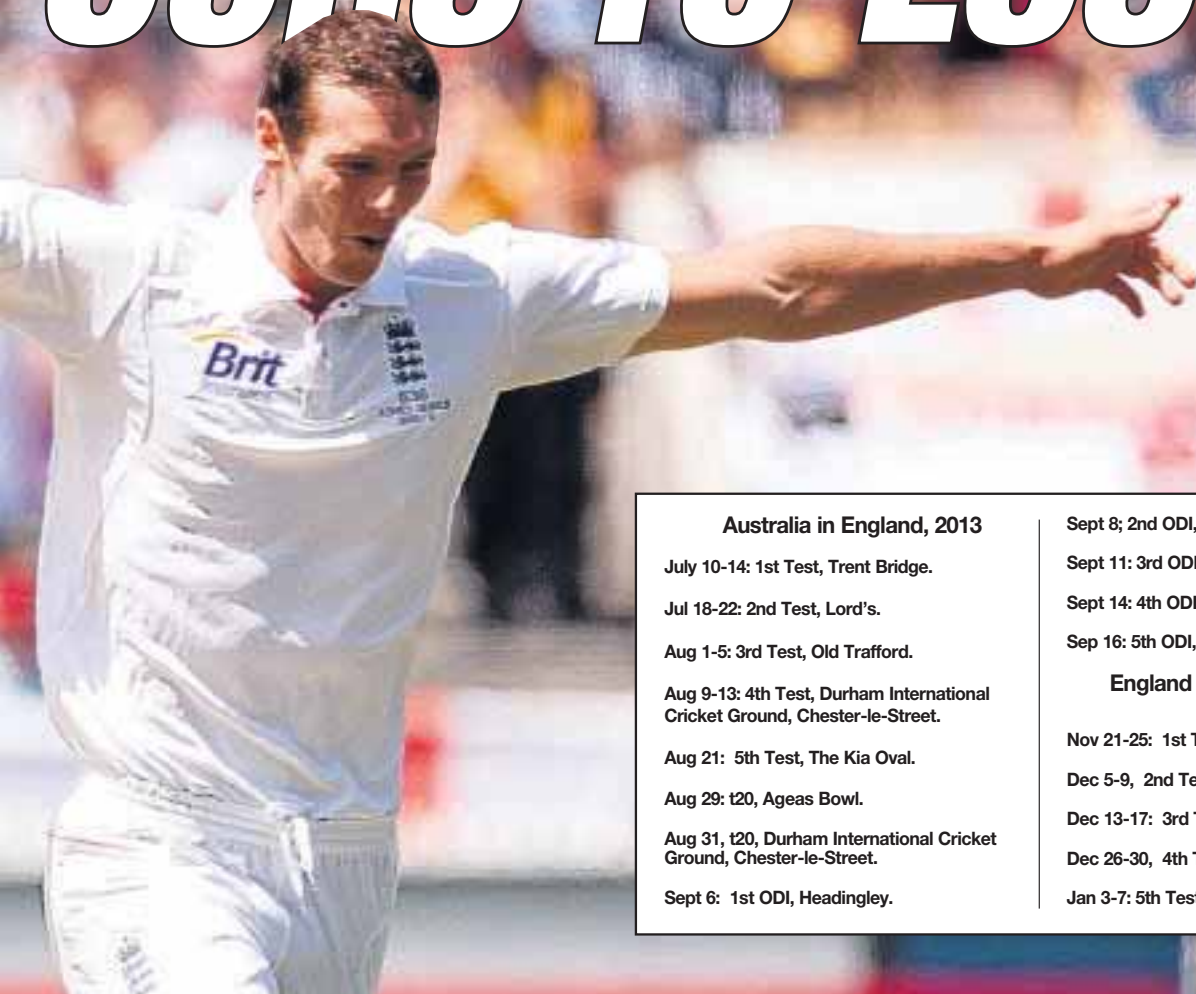
**Oval:** England 380 (Hick 80, Stewart 76, Gooch 56, Atherton 50) & 313 (Gooch 79, Ramprakash 64), Australia 303 (Healy 83,

**COMING SOON - REGULAR HAMPSHIRE NOSTALGIA IN THE SPORTS PINK**





# OURS TO LOSE



**FLASHBACK: Chris Tremlett celebrates dismissing Ricky Ponting during the 2010/11 Ashes.**

## Australia in England, 2013

July 10-14: 1st Test, Trent Bridge.

Jul 18-22: 2nd Test, Lord's.

Aug 1-5: 3rd Test, Old Trafford.

Aug 9-13: 4th Test, Durham International Cricket Ground, Chester-le-Street.

Aug 21: 5th Test, The Kia Oval.

Aug 29: t20, Ageas Bowl.

Aug 31, t20, Durham International Cricket Ground, Chester-le-Street.

Sept 6: 1st ODI, Headingley.

Sept 8: 2nd ODI, Old Trafford.

Sept 11: 3rd ODI, Edgbaston.

Sept 14: 4th ODI, Cardiff.

Sep 16: 5th ODI, Ageas Bowl.

## England in Australia, 2013/14

Nov 21-25: 1st Test, Brisbane.

Dec 5-9, 2nd Test, Adelaide.

Dec 13-17: 3rd Test, Perth.

Dec 26-30, 4th Test, Melbourne.

Jan 3-7: 5th Test, Sydney.

first season as a Hampshire and England player eight years ago.

Swann will provide the perfect variation to England's impressive battery of fast bowlers.

That list may well include another former Hampshire ace in Chris Tremlett, who is nearing fitness in time to at least be in contention more than a year after making the last of his 11 Test appearances.

The most memorable of those was

at Perth in December 2010, when his eight wickets proved the catalyst for England's 3-1 series win.

When the sides reconvene in July, much will depend on how well Clarke and Shane Watson (Hampshire teammates in 2004) work together in their respective roles as captain and vice-captain.

Australia are not the side of yore, of that there is no doubt, so Hampshire's overseas signing,

George Bailey, may well get his chance if he starts the county season well.

He is clearly a very good player but not so long ago it would have been unthinkable for Australia to pick a top-order batsman with a first-class average below 40.

We are also likely to witness Glenn Maxwell returning to the UK as a Test player, a year after coming here to play for Salisbury's

South Wilts CC in the Southern Electric Premier League.

If Maxwell's career trajectory continues on such an upward curve, he could be the story of the summer.

But his breakthrough into Australia's Test team in India earlier this month, after just 15 first-class appearances, also highlights our old foe's lack of strength in depth.

Taylor 70, Fraser 5-87 & 229. **England won by 161 runs**

## Australia won series 4-1.

1994/95

**Brisbane:** Australia 426 (Slaters 176, Waugh 140, Taylor 59) & 248-8 (Taylor 58), England 167 (Atherton 57, McDermott 6-53) & 323 (Hick 80, Thorpe 67, Gooch 56, Warne 8-71). **Australia won by 184 runs.**

**Melbourne:** Australia 279 (SR Waugh 94, ME Waugh 71) & 320-7 (Boon 131), England 212 (Thorpe 51, Warne 6-64) & 92 (McDermott 5-42). **Australia won by 295 runs.**

**Sydney:** England 309 (Atherton 88, Crawley 72, Gough 51, McDermott 5-101) & 255-2 (Hick 98, Atherton 67), Australia 116 (Gough 6-49) & 344 (Taylor 113, Slater 103, Fraser 5-73). **Match drawn.**

**Adelaide:** England 353 (Gatting 117, Atherton 80) & 328 (DeFreitas 88, Thorpe 83, Waugh 5-40), Australia 419 (Blewett 102, Taylor 90, Healy 74, Slater 67) & 156 (Healy 51). **England won by 106 runs.**

**Perth:** Australia 402 (Slater 124, SR Waugh 99, ME Waugh 88) & 345 (Blewett 115, Waugh 80, Taylor 52), England 295 (Thorpe 123, Ramprakash 72) & 123 (McDermott 6-38). **Australia won by 329 runs.**

## Australia won series 3-1.

1997

**Edgbaston:** Australia 118 (Caddick 5-50) & 447 (Taylor 129, Blewett 125, Elliott 66), England 478 (Hussain 207, Thorpe 138, Ealham 53) & 119-1 (Atherton 57). **England won by 9 wickets.**

**Lord's:** England 77 (McGrath 8-38) & 266-4 (Butcher 87, Atherton 77), Australia 213-7

(Elliott 112). **Match drawn**

**Old Trafford:** Australia 235 (Waugh 108) & 395-8 (SR Waugh 116, ME Waugh 55, Warne 53), England 162 (Butcher 51, Warne 6-48) & 200 (Crawley 83). **Australia won by 268 runs.**

**Headingley:** England 172 (Gillespie 7-37) & 268 (Hussain 105, Crawley 72, Reiffel 5-49), Australia 501-9 (Elliott 199, Ponting 127, Reiffel 54, Gough 5-149). **Australia won by an innings and 61 runs.**

**Trent Bridge:** Australia 427 (Taylor 76, SR Waugh 75, Elliott 69, ME Waugh 68, Blewett 50) & 336 (Healy 63, Blewett 60), England 313 (Stewart 87, Thorpe 53) & 186 (Thorpe 82). **Australia won by 264 runs**

**Oval:** England 180 (McGrath 7-76) & 163 (Thorpe 62, Kasprovicz 7-36), Australia 220 (Tufnell 7-66) & 104 (Caddick 5-42). **England won by 19 runs.**

## Australia won series 3-2.

1998/99

**Brisbane:** Australia 485 (Healy 134, Waugh 112, Fleming 71, Mullally 5-105) & 237-3 (Slater 113, Langer 74), England 375 (Butcher 116, Thorpe 77, Ramprakash 69, Hussain 59, McGrath 6-85) & 179-6. **Match drawn.**

**Perth:** England 112 (Fleming 5-46) & 191 (Hick 68, Gillespie 5-88), Australia 240 (Taylor 61) & 64-3. **Australia won by 7 wickets.**

**Adelaide:** Australia 391 (Langer 179, Taylor 59, Waugh 59) & 278-5 (Slater 103, Langer 52, Waugh 51), England 227 (Hussain 89, Ramprakash 61) & 237 (Stewart 63, Ramprakash 57). **Australia won by 205 runs.**

Melbourne: England 270 (Stewart 107,

Ramprakash 63) & 244 (Hick 60, Stewart 52, Hussain 50), Australia 340 (Waugh 122, Gough 5-96) & 162 (Headley 6-60). **England won by 12 runs**

**Sydney:** Australia 322 (ME Waugh 121, SR Waugh 96) & 184 (Slater 123, Such 5-81), England 220 (MacGill 5-57) & 188 (Hussain 53, MacGill 7-50). **Australia won by 98 runs**

## Australia won series 3-1.

2001

**Edgbaston:** England 294 (Stewart 65, Atherton 57, Warne 5-71) & 164 (Trescothick 76), Australia 576 (Gilchrist 152, Martyn 105, Waugh 105, Slater 77). **Australia won by an innings and 118 runs.**

**Lord's:** England 187 (McGrath 5-54) & 227 (Butcher 83, Gillespie 5-53), Australia 401 (Waugh 108, Gilchrist 90, Martyn 52, Caddick 5-101) & 14-2. **Australia won by 8 wickets.**

**Trent Bridge:** England 185 (Trescothick 69, McGrath 5-49) & 162 (Atherton 51, Warne 6-33), Australia 190 (Gilchrist 54, Tudor 5-44) & 158-3. **Australia won by 7 wickets.**

**Headingley:** Australia 447 (Ponting 144, Martyn 118, Waugh 72, Gough 5-103) & 176-4 (Ponting 72), England 309 (Stewart 76, McGrath 7-76) & 315-4 (Butcher 173, Hussain 55). **England won by 6 wickets.**

**Oval:** Australia 641-4 (SR Waugh 157, ME Waugh 120, Langer 102, Hayden 68, Martyn 64, Ponting 62), England 432 (Ramprakash 133, Trescothick 55, Afzaal 54, Hussain 52, Warne 7-165) & 184 (McGrath 5-43). **Australia won by an innings 25 runs.**

## Australia won series 4-1.

2002/03

**Brisbane:** Australia 492 (Hayden 197, Ponting 123, Warne 57) & 296-5 (Hayden 103, Martyn 64, Gilchrist 60), England 325 (Trescothick 72, Crawley 69, Butcher 54, Hussain 51) & 79. **Australia won by 384 runs**

**Adelaide:** England 342 (Vaughan 177) & 159 (Stewart 57), Australia 552-9 (Ponting 154, Martyn 95, Gilchrist 54). **Australia won by an innings and 51 runs.**

**Perth:** England 185 & 223 (Stewart 66, Hussain 61), Australia 456 (Martyn 71, Ponting 68, Waugh 53, White 5-127). **Australia won by an innings and 48 runs.**

**Melbourne:** Australia 551-6 (Langer 250, Hayden 102, Waugh 77, Love 62) & 107-5, England 270 (White 85) & 387 (Vaughan 145, Key 52, MacGill 5-152). **Australia won by 5 wickets.**

**Sydney:** England 363 (Butcher 124, Hussain 75, Stewart 71) & 452 (Vaughan 183, Hussain 72), Australia 363 (Gilchrist 133, Waugh 102) & 226 (Caddick 7-94). **England won by 225 runs.**

## Australia won series 4-1.

2005

**Lord's:** Australia 190 (Harmison 5-43) & 384 (Clarke 91, Katich 67, Martyn 65), England 155 (Pietersen 57, McGrath 5-53) & 180 (Pietersen 64). **Australia won by 239 runs.**

**Edgbaston:** England 407 (Trescothick 90, Pietersen 71, Flintoff 68) & 182 (Flintoff 73, Warne 6-46), Australia 308 (Langer 82, Ponting 61) & 279. **England won by 2 runs.**

**Old Trafford:** England 444 (Vaughan 166, Trescothick 63, Bell 59) & 280-6 (Strauss 106, Bell 65, McGrath 5-115), Australia 302 (Warne 90, Jones 6-53) & 371 (Ponting 156). **Match drawn.**

**Trent Bridge:** England 477 (Flintoff 102, Jones 85, Trescothick 65, Vaughan 58) & 129-7, Australia 218 (Jones 5-44) & 387 (Langer 61, Katich 59, Clarke 56). **England won by 3 wickets.**

**Oval:** England 373 (Strauss 129, Flintoff 72, Warne 6-122) & 335 (Pietersen 158, Giles 59, Warne 6-124), Australia 367 (Hayden 138, Langer 105, Flintoff 5-78) & 4-0. **Match drawn**

## England won series 2-1.

2006/07

**Brisbane:** Australia 602 (Ponting 196, Hussey 86, Langer 82, Clarke 56) & 202-1 (Langer 100, Ponting 60), England 157 (Bell 50, McGrath 6-50) & 370 (Collingwood 96, Pietersen 92). **Australia won by 277 runs.**

**Adelaide:** England 551-6 (Collingwood 206, Pietersen 158, Bell 60) & 129, Australia 513 (Ponting 142, Clarke 124, Gilchrist 64, Hoggard 7-109) & 168-4 (Hussey 61). **Australia won by 6 wickets.**

**Perth:** Australia 244 (Hussey 74, Panesar 5-92) & 527-5 (Clarke 135, Hussey 103, Gilchrist 102, Hayden 92, Ponting 75), England 115 (Pietersen 70) & 350 (Cook 116, Bell 87, Pietersen 60, Flintoff 51). **Australia won by 206 runs**

**Melbourne:** England 159 (Strauss 50, Warne 5-39) & 161, Australia 419 (Symonds 156, Hayden 153). **Australia won by an innings and 99 runs**

**Sydney:** England 291 (Flintoff 89, Bell 71) & 147, Australia 393 (Warne 71, Gilchrist 62) & 46-0. **Australia won by 10 wickets.**

## Australia won series 5-0.

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2009

**Cardiff:** England 435 (Pietersen 69, Collingwood 64, Prior 56) & 252 (Collingwood 74), Australia 674 (Ponting 150, North 125, Katich 122, Haddin 121, Clarke 83). **Match drawn.**

**Lord's:** England 425 (Strauss 161, Cook 95) & 311-6 (Prior 61, Collingwood 54), Australia 215 (Hussey 51) & 406 (Clarke 136, Haddin 80, Johnson 63, Flintoff 5-92). **England won by 115 runs.**

**Edgbaston:** Australia 263 (Watson 62, Anderson 5-80) & 375-5 (Clarke 103, North 96, Hussey 64, Watson 53), England 376 (Flintoff 74, Strauss 69, Broad 55, Bell 53). **Match drawn.**

**Headingley:** England 102 (Siddle 5-21) & 263 (Swann 62, Broad 61, Johnson 5-69), Australia 445 (North 110, Clarke 93, Ponting 78, Watson 51, Broad 6-91). **Australia won by an innings and 80 runs.**

**Oval:** England 332 (Bell 72, Strauss 55) & 373-9 (Trott 119, Strauss 75, Swann 63), Australia 160 (Katich 50, Broad 5-37) & 348 (Hussey 121, Ponting 66). **England won by 197 runs.**

England won series 2-1.  
2010/11

**Brisbane:** England 260 (Bell 76, Cook 67, Siddle 6-54) & 517-1 (Cook 235, Trott 135, Strauss 110), Australia 481 (Hussey 195, Haddin 136, Katich 50, Finn 6-125) & 107-1 (Ponting 51). **Match drawn.**

**Adelaide:** Australia 245 (Hussey 93, Haddin 56, Watson 51) & 304 (Clarke 80, Watson 57, Hussey 52), England 620-5 (Pietersen 227, Cook 148, Trott 78, Bell 68). **England won by an innings and 71 runs.**

**Perth:** Australia 268 (Johnson 62, Hussey 61, Haddin 53) & 309 (Hussey 116, Watson 95), England 187 (Bell 53, Strauss 52, Johnson 6-38) & 123 (Harris 6-47). **Australia won by 267 runs.**

**Melbourne:** Australia 98 & 258 (Johnson 55, Watson 54), England 513 (Trott 168, Prior 85, Cook 82, Strauss 69, Pietersen 51, Siddle 6-75). **England won by an innings and 157 runs.**

**Sydney:** Australia 280 (Johnson 53) & 281 (Smith 54), England 644 (Cook 189, Prior 118, Bell 115, Strauss 60). **England won by an innings and 83 runs.**

England won series 3-1.

County Championship 2012

Top runscorers

	Inns	No	Runs	HS	Ave
NRD Compton (Sm)	11	18	1191	204*	99.25
CJL Rogers (Mx)	16	29	1086	173	40.22
V Chopra (Wk)	16	26	1028	195	41.12
AG Prince (La)	15	24	1008	144	43.82
<b>JHK Adams (Hant)</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>987</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>49.35</b>
CD Nash (Sx)	16	28	984	162	37.84
CMW Read (Nt)	16	24	975	104*	48.75
JC Hildreth (Sm)	16	25	946	120	43.00
RR Sarwan (Le)	14	25	941	117	40.91
MJ Lumb (Nt)	14	23	910	171	39.56
BP Nash (Kent)	16	24	908	132*	47.78
WL Madsen (Dy)	16	25	885	231*	38.47
SA Northeast (Kent)	11	17	880	165	55.00
JL Denly (Mx)	16	28	840	134*	35.00
EC Joyce (Sx)	14	24	829	108*	39.47
DJ Malan (Mx)	16	26	827	140	31.80
HJH Marshall (Gs)	15	25	822	117*	37.36
WJ Durston (Dy)	16	25	801	121	34.82
RWT Key (Kent)	15	24	797	119	37.95
AD Hales (Nt)	15	24	797	155*	34.65

Top wicket-takers

	Ov	M	Rns	Wkts	Ave
G Onions (Dur)	2242	101	959	64	14.98
CJC Wright (Wk)	2703	74	1492	62	24.06
T Roland-Jones (Mx)	2274	83	1167	61	19.13
TJ Murtagh (Mx)	2979	117	1401	59	23.74
<b>DJ Balcombe (Hant)</b>	<b>3031</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>1589</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>26.93</b>
AR Richardson (Wo)	2769	137	1113	57	19.52
SJ Magoffin (Sx)	2881	161	1143	57	20.05
KHD Barker (Wk)	2353	94	1166	56	20.82
AP Palladino (Dy)	2842	100	1352	56	24.14
CE Shreck (Kent)	3015	110	1455	55	26.45
AR Adams (Nt)	2067	63	1035	54	19.16
MS Panesar (Sx)	3085	157	1227	53	23.15
MT Coles (Kent)	2068	44	1146	52	22.03
JS Patel (Wk)	2371	87	1161	51	22.76
PD Trego (Sm)	3053	123	1554	50	31.08
SA Patterson (Yor)	2336	116	999	48	20.81
DD Masters (Es)	2229	114	873	46	18.97
WRS Gidman (Gs)	1908	58	943	44	21.43
SC Meaker (Sy)	1707	50	993	44	22.56
DJ Wainwright (Dy)	3167	136	1380	44	31.36



**IT'S seven weeks until the start of the Southern Electric Premier League season – just 49 days for groundsmen across the region to become miracle workers and turn soggy morasses into cricket pitches!**

The wettest summer in 100 years followed by arguably the worst winter since 1963 as left cricket grounds resembling lakes, **writes MIKE VIMPANY.**

None more so than Totton & Eling's Linden Oval headquarters, where there was seven inches of

water was laying on the outfield this week.

Last summer, was bad enough – 92 games in the Premier League being washed out, 74 of them without a ball being bowled.

2013 is threatening to be even worse, with most clubs already a month or more behind with their pre-season ground preparation work.

Twelve months ago, in late March 2012, groundsmen were watering pitches – then someone mentioned the dreaded words ‘hose pipe ban’ and it all went downhill from there!

By now, clubs would have done a fair amount of pre-season rolling – try taking a heavy roller on a crick-

et square this weekend!

May 5 is the scheduled start date for the Southern Electric Premier League – the date when South Wilts begin their title defence against Bournemouth at Chapel Gate.

Captain James Hayward, left, reckons that, for the first time in several seasons, a number of teams could be in the mix – with the introduction of the four incoming Australia talents creating a leveller playing field.

“The Premier League is looking very healthy at the moment, most teams have strengthened in some way or another and I honestly believe that every side is a danger-

Southern Electric Premier League batting and bowling 2013

SEPL Division 1 - Batting 2012 - MOST RUNS SCORED

	Inn	NO	HS	Avg	Runs
1 David Taylor, Totton & Eling	14	2	107*	40.92	491
2 Marc-Antony Eysele, Totton & Eling	14	3	76	40.91	450
3 George Adair, St Cross Symondians	11	-	65	39.64	436
4 Scott Myers, Alton	11	1	101	43.4	434
5 Richard Morris, Bashley (Rydal)	11	1	71	42.3	423
6 Charles Esson, St Cross Symondians	14	1	89	32.38	421
7 Nick Park, Bournemouth	12	2	117*	40.3	403
8 James Hayward, South Wilts	14	1	57	30.92	402
9 Oliver Green, Hampshire Academy	15	1	67	28.07	393
10 Glyn Treagus, Lymington	13	1	112	32.25	387
11 Ian Hilsom, Ventnor	11	3	86*	46.88	375
12 Tom Morton, South Wilts	16	1	153	24.67	370
13 Adam Rouse, St Cross Symondians	13	2	161*	33.09	364
14Adam Hose, Ventnor	10	1	78	39.67	357
15 Sean Terry, Bashley (Rydal)	9	2	139*	48.71	341
16 James Halson, Hampshire Academy	15	-	109	22.4	336
17 Ollie Mills, Ventnor	7	1	174*	55.17	331
18 Neil Thurgood, Bashley (Rydal)	12	-	80	27.42	329
19 Owen Alsop, South Wilts	11	1	80	32.9	329
20 James Hibberd, South Wilts	13	5	63*	40.88	327

Division 2 - Batting 2012 - MOST RUNS SCORED

	Inn	NO	HS	Avg	Runs
1 Tristan McDonald, Rowledge	12	-	150	50.75	609
2 Ryan Beck, New Milton	15	-	95	36.27	544
3 Ben Thane, Hook & Newnham	14	1	110	40.46	526
4 Peter Hammond, Sarisbury Athletic	12	2	132	45.1	451
5 Matthew Journeaux, Sarisbury Athletic	12	2	84	43.8	438
6 Derek Kenway, Burridge	13	-	144	31.85	414
7 Nicholas Willcock, Hook & Newnham	14	1	101	31.23	406
8 William Phillips, Hartley Wintney	13	-	103	29.62	385
9 Dan Hewitt, Hambledon	13	-	91	29.62	385
10 Jonty Hadfield, Andover	14	4	76*	37.5	375
11 Rob Atkins, Hambledon	14	4	109*	37.3	373
12 Jordan Silk, Burridge	8	1	105	52.29	366
13 Stewart Magee, Paultons	11	-	95	32.36	356
14 Tony Richman, Paultons	11	1	65	34.3	343
15 Chris Yates Jnr, Rowledge	10	1	88*	36.33	327
16 James Scutt, Hambledon	15	2	132*	24.85	323
17 Danny Flanders, Hartley Wintney	12	1	108	28.45	313
18Scott Baldwin, Hartley Wintney	12	1	55*	28.36	312
19 Ricky Rawlins, Sarisbury Athletic	12	-	122	25.25	303
20 Joe Collings-Wells, Hambledon	11	-	100	27.45	302

Division 3 - Batting 2012 - MOST RUNS SCORED

	Inn	NO	HS	Avg	Runs
1 Peter Woodland, Liphook & Ripsley	13	3	105	48.1	481
1 Mark Thorne , Fair Oak	12	1	107*	43.73	481
3 Matthew Peterson, Sparsholt	14	2	75	37.67	452
4 Sam LegrosM Trojans	14	1	119*	33.23	432
5 Paul Marks, Fawley	10	1	92	46.33	417
6 Alasdair Cheyney, Langley Manor	11	2	106*	45.78	412
7 Richard Partington, Gosport Borough	12	-	135	33.42	401
8 David Lyons, Titchborne Park	13	3	87	40	400
9 Owain Phillips, South Wilts II	12	-	121	32.42	389
10 Farshaan Jermildar, Portsmouth	14	-	82	27	378
11 Josh Metcalfe, Totton & Eling II	14	1	77	29	377
12 Darren Vann, Calmore Sports	13	1	91	30.5	366
13 Damian Carson, United Services	9	2	85	51.14	358
14 Graham Noble, Langley Manor	11	-	79	31.73	349
15 Robert Jones, Portsmouth	11	1	76	34.4	344
16 James Mitchell, Portsmouth	12	2	75*	34.3	343
17 Craig Renders, Langley Manor	12	-	77	28.42	341
18 Andy Galliers, Havant II	11	-	85	30.09	331
19 David Taylor, Totton & Eling II	1	1	330*	-	330
20 Richard Marshall, United Services	14	-	109	23.57	330

ECHO AND PINK - ALWAYS BEST FOR LOCAL CRICKET





# WEATHER YET ...!



**WET, WET, WET: The soggy outfield at Totton & Eling's Linden Oval this week.**

ous animal on its day," he warned. "I don't envisage a top/bottom divide this time around.

"2013 will very much be about consistency, not just in performance but also in availability.

"Last year we used only 15 players. The boys were excellent with their commitment and availability and, without doubt, it made a huge difference.

"It is no coincidence that the clubs who find that consistency ultimately finish at the top end."

South Wilts have been quick to continue the good practices that put them in good stead last summer.

"We've worked on our fitness,

talked to the players about their specific roles in the team and the best ways to execute our plans.

"There is very much a professional feel around the squad at the moment. There's a real buzz round the place and that's healthy."

South Wilts will have the nucleus of last season's title winning side available again – no Glenn Maxwell, but teenage Zimbabwe all-rounder Ryan Burl has come in as the club's overseas player.

A talented all-round sportsman, Burl is a left-hand bat and, as a leggie, another handy addition to South Wilts' already decent spin bowling department.

So, where does Hayward reckon the threat to South Wilts' crown will come from?

"Havant are always there and I know Richard Hindley wants the title back," Hayward said.

They too will be 'same again' with a tried and tested squad aiming to avoid a repeat of last season when consecutive defeats against St Cross Symondians and the Hampshire Academy in May cost them dear.

"I expect Bashley (Rydal) and St Cross Symondians to be in the frame too," Hayward said.

"Bashley are an improving club and Richard Morris had added a real air of professionalism into

their ranks.

"Simon Watkins is a major signing for them.

"He's an all-rounder of proven quality, both as a top order left-hand bat and off-spin bowler."

One side who held the Indian Sign over South Wilts last season were St Cross Symondians, who beat the champions in both 50-over and 'time' formats.

"They too have some talented players and I'm aware that Matt Perry-Lewis has a major signing about to be announced – an ex-county player, who will score a lot of runs and take wickets this season," Hayward continued.

**More SEPL news: See right.**

## ECB Premier Division - Tables 2012

### Final Table

	P	W	L	D	T	BN	Tl	Dd	Av
South Wilts	14	9	2	3	0	132	243	0	17.36
Bashley Rydal	12	7	3	2	0	97	181	0	15.08
Havant	13	7	4	2	0	103	187	0	14.38
St. Cross	13	7	3	2	0	90	180	0	13.85
Alton	11	5	1	0	0	72	129	0	11.73
Totton & Eling I	13	5	7	1	0	93	150	0	11.54
Lymington	12	5	7	0	0	82	138	0	11.5
Ventnor	13	4	8	1	0	96	141	0	10.85
Hampshire Ac	15	4	10	1	0	107	154	0	10.27
Bournemouth *	12	3	6	3	0	83	124	20	8.66

\* Points Deducted

### Limited Overs 2012

	P	W	L	T	Bn	Tl	Dd	Av
St. Cross	7	7	0	0	60	144	0	20.57
South Wilts	8	6	2	0	68	140	0	17.5
Bashley Rydal	6	4	2	0	45	93	0	15.5
Havant	7	4	3	0	50	98	0	14
Lymington	6	3	3	0	43	79	0	13.17
Totton & Eling	6	2	4	0	48	72	0	12
Ventnor	8	3	5	0	55	91	0	11.38
Alton	6	2	4	0	36	60	0	10
Hampshire Ac	8	2	6	0	55	79	0	9.88
Bournemouth *	6	1	5	0	30	42	10	5.33
* Points Deducted								

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### Time Games 2012

	P	W	L	D	T	BN	Tl	Dd	Av
South Wilts	6	3	0	3	0	64	103	0	17.17
Havant	6	3	1	2	0	53	89	0	14.83
Bashley Rydal	6	3	1	2	0	52	88	0	14.67
Alton	5	3	1	1	0	36	69	0	13.8
Bournemouth *	6	2	1	3	0	53	82	10	12
Totton & Eling	7	3	3	1	0	45	78	0	11.14
Hampshire Ac	7	2	4	1	0	52	75	0	10.71
Ventnor	5	1	3	1	0	37	50	0	10
Lymington	6	2	4	0	0	39	59	0	9.83
St. Cross	6	0	4	2	0	30	36	0	6

\*points Deducted

### SEPL Division 2 2012

	P	W	L	T	Bp	Tl	Dd	Ave	
Sarisbury Athletic	12	8	3	1	0	90	192	0	16
Rowledge	12	8	4	0	0	91	187	0	15.58
Hook & NB	13	7	5	1	0	100	190	0	14.62
New Milton	14	7	7	0	0	102	186	0	13.29
Andover	13	6	7	0	0	96	168	0	12.92
Burridge	13	6	7	0	0	91	163	0	12.54
Hartley Wintney*	13	6	7	0	0	91	163	5	12.15
Hambleton	15	6	9	0	0	107	179	0	11.93
Paultons	12	5	7	0	0	77	137	0	11.42
OT's & Romsey	11	4	7	0	0	76	124	0	11.27
* Points Deducted									

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### SEPL Division 3 2012

	P	W	L	T	Bp	Tl	Dd	Ave	
Liphook & Ripsley	12	10	2	0	0	96	216	0	18
Fawley	11	9	2	0	0	87	195	0	17.73
Hursley Park	13	10	3	0	0	100	220	0	16.92
United Services	13	9	4	0	0	103	211	0	16.23
Titchborne Park	13	9	4	0	0	100	208	0	16
Langley Manor	12	7	5	0	0	96	180	0	15
Totton & Eling II	14	8	6	0	0	102	198	0	14.14
Calmore Sports	12	7	5	0	0	82	165	0	13.83
Sparsholt	12	6	6	0	0	87	159	0	13.25
Havant II	12	6	6	0	0	87	159	0	13.25
South Wilts II	14	7	7	0	0	89	173	0	12.36
Trojans	13	6	7	0	0	77	149	0	11.46
Fair Oak*	13	5	8	0	0	90	150	5	11.15
St Cross II	11	4	7	0	0	72	120	0	10.91
Bournemouth II*	14	8	6	0	0	79	127	20	8.92
Portsmouth*	13	4	9	0	0	76	124	10	8.77
Gosport Borough	13	1	12	0	0	77	89	0	6.85
Easton & MW*	13	1	12	0	0	42	54	5	3.77
* Points Deducted									

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● The Ageas Bowl's International Cricket Academy intakes have (the Academy apart) joined the SEPL top flight clubs that struggled last term.

Basement boys Bournemouth, ripped apart by close season departures, have Victoria all-rounder Alex Keath in their ranks.

● Ventnor, minus Worcestershire-bound seamer Elliott Wilson, have engaged Travis Head, with Scott Henry joining Lymington.

● Australian Under-19 skipper William Bosisto will play at Totton & Eling.

● "We're talking quality cricketers here," warns South Wilts skipper James Hayward.

● "These guys are State cricketers and are more than capable of winning matches on their own, hence why their presence at clubs will provide a far more even playing field."

● Alton, skippered by Scott Myers this season, have re-engaged New Zealander Dewayne Bowden, who took 28 wickets and scored 240 runs after missing a chunk of the early games.

## Southern Electric Premier League batting and bowling 2013

### SEPL Division 1 - Bowling 2012 - MOST WICKETS

	Ov	Rns	Av	Wkts
1 Richard Logan, St Cross	153	586	16.74	35
2 Matt Perry-Lewis, St Cross Symondians	132	490	16.9	29
3 Kevin Nash, Bashley (Rydal)	132.4	448	16	28
4 Dewayne Bowden, Alton	106.4	304	10.86	28
5 David Taylor, Totton & Eling	155	489	18.81	26
6 Richard Hindley, Havant	139.2	334	13.36	25
7 Julian Ballinger, Alton	91.2	325	13	25
8 Matthew King, Hampshire Academy	117.4	551	22.04	25
9 Glenn Maxwell, South Wilts	120.1	322	12.88	25
10 Jeremy Ord, Havant	136	365	15.21	24
11 Darron Augustus, Totton & Eling	85.3	444	18.5	24
12 Matt Metcalfe, Bournemouth	154	521	22.65	23
13 Rob Franklin, South Wilts	155.1	572	26	22
14 Jamie Miller, Ventnor	128	485	24.25	20
15 Darren Cowley, Lymington	96.1	337	16.85	20
16 Robert Gibson, Hampshire Ac	142	464	24.42	19
17 Owen Alsop, South Wilts	82.5	360	18.95	19
18 Scott Barlow, Bournemouth	156.3	486	25.58	19
19 Ross Grierson, Bashley (Rydal)	112.4	370	21.76	17
20 Tom Barber, Hampshire Academy	108.2	434	25.53	17

### Division 2 - Bowling 2012 - MOST WICKETS

	Ov	Rns	Av	Wkts
1 Dan Hewitt, Hambleton	134.4	460	13.53	34
2 Luke Graham, Andover	121.5	439	14.63	30
3 Dan Loader, New Milton	115.1	473	16.31	29
4 Kevin Poulter, Hook & Newnham	106.1	352	13.54	26
5 Ben Thane, Hook & Newnham	100	428	16.46	26
6 Paul Anceill, Burridge	113	341	15.5	22
7 Dan Goldstraw, Sarisbury Athletic	94.2	270	12.27	22
8 Scott Dawes, Paultons	110.2	400	18.18	22
9 Max Smith, OT's & Romsey	97	310	14.76	21
10 Greg Thew, Burridge	92.4	439	20.9	21
11 Daniel Mogg, OT's & Romsey	101.5	401	19.1	21
12 Ryan Beck, New Milton	90	417	20.85	20
13 Jonty Hadfield, Andover	115.1	481	24.05	20
14 Stu Shapland, OT's & Romsey	86	203	10.68	19
15 Mike Adams, Andover	107	371	19.53	19
16 Scott Baldwin, Hartley Wintney	110.2	403	21.21	19
17 Shane Brewer, Hook & Newnham	118	449	23.63	19
18 Nick Gargaro, New Milton	100	418	23.22	18
19 Cameron Prentice, Hambleton	85.1	282	15.67	18
20 Tony Richman, Paultons	88	226	13.29	17

### Division 3 - Bowling 2012 - MOST WICKETS

	Ov	Rns	Wkts	Av
1 Tom Allam, Titchborne Park	131.5	370	32	11.56
2 Owamir Afzal, Fawley	110.1	225	28	8.04
3 Cody Henderson, United Services	112	319	28	11.39
4 Alan Crawford, Liphook & Ripsley	73.1	198	26	7.62
5 Paul Proudley, Calmore Sports	122.1	399	26	15.35
6 Ed Berry, Titchborne Park	106.3	336	25	13.44
7 Tom Lerner, Gosport Borough	105.1	461	25	18.44
8 Wayne Smith, Fawley	107.1	314	25	12.56
9 Dylan Augustus, Totton & Eling II	102.3	309	24	12.88
10 Nick Wheeler, Hursley Park	111.1	436	24	18.17
11 Chris Blake, Trojan	82.3	326	24	13.58
12 Phil Loat Havant II	89	269	23	11.7
13 Joe Lovett, Fair Oak	100	386	23	16.78
14 Paul Draper, South Wilts II	124.4	339	22	15.41
15 Rob Coombs, Bournemouth II	82.2	332	22	15.09
16 Jamie Donaldson, Trojan	101	401	21	19.1
17 James Rose, Calmore Sports	88	310	21	14.76
18 Mike West, Calmore Sports	96.1	300	21	14.29
19 Jonathan Vokes, Sparsholt	92.2	418	21	19.9
20 Oli Green, Hursley Park	93.4	279	20	13.95

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## Did You Know?

# A tight finale

LIAM Dawson top scored for Hampshire as they lifted the Banks Barbados T20 Cup Plate after beating Northamptonshire in a low-scoring final in Bridgetown.

Dawson, below, had earlier opened the bowling for Hampshire, conceding just 14 runs from his four overs.

James Tomlinson and David Balcombe, neither of whom played a single game in last season's t20 tournament for Hampshire, shared five wickets between them as Northants were restricted to 92-8.

Hampshire slipped to 70-7 in reply, but Chris Wood (15no) and Balcombe (10no) guided the Royals to victory.

James Vince continued his poor form from the England Lions tour of Australia, bagging a duck in the semi final loss to Yorkshire and managing just a single against Northants.



### Hampshire v Yorkshire Banks Barbados T20 Cup 1st rd

**Hampshire innings**  
MA Carberry c Sidebottom b Ashraf .....42  
JM Vince b Sidebottom .....0  
JHK Adams b Ashraf .....6  
SM Ervine c Ashraf b Plunkett .....11  
LA Dawson b Plunkett .....9  
MDT Roberts c Jacques b Sidebottom .....16  
Extras .....9  
**Total (6 wickets, 20 overs) .....112**  
**FOW:** 1-2, 2-23, 3-74, 4-77, 5-89, 6-112  
**Bowling:** Lyth 2-0-6-0; Sidebottom 4-0-21-2; Plunkett 4-0-25-2; Ashraf 4-0-23-2; Rashid 4-0-21-0; Pyrah 2-0-15-0.

**Yorkshire innings**  
AW Gale st Bates b Briggs .....43  
A Lyth c Bates b Ervine .....27  
RM Pyrah not out .....22  
PA Jacques run out .....1  
AU Rashid not out .....12  
Extras .....11  
**Total (3 wickets, 16.3 overs) .....116**  
**FOW:** 1-80, 2-91, 3-92  
**Bowling:** Dawson 4-0-21-0; Griffiths 3-0-22-0; Ervine 3-0-26-1; Sheppard 2-3-0-19-0; Briggs 4-0-25-1.  
**Yorkshire won by 7 wickets**

### Hampshire v Northamptonshire Banks Barbados T20 Cup Plate Final

**Northamptonshire innings**  
SP Crook c Wood b Tomlinson .....13  
RI Newton lbw b Briggs .....10  
AG Wakely c Tomlinson b Balcombe .....18  
MNW Spriegel b Wood .....2  
AJ Hall c and b Briggs .....26  
JM Kettleborough hit wkt b Balcombe .....3  
BM Duckett not out .....0  
CD de Lange c Ervine b Tomlinson .....3  
RI Keogh b Tomlinson .....0  
OP Stone not out .....1  
Extras .....11  
**Total (8 wickets, 20 overs) .....92**  
**FOW:** 1-7, 2-18, 3-40, 4-44, 5-52, 6-55, 7-70, 8-73  
**Bowling:** Dawson 4-0-14-0; Tomlinson 4-0-16-3; Balcombe 4-0-24-2; Wood 4-0-18-1; Briggs 4-0-12-2-1

**Hampshire innings**  
MA Carberry c Daggett b Stone .....7  
JM Vince c Duckett b Stone .....1  
JHK Adams c Hall b Spriegel .....13  
SM Ervine b Stone .....6  
LA Dawson b Crook .....27  
MDT Roberts st Duckett b de Lange .....9  
MD Bates c Wakely b de Lange .....0  
CP Wood not out .....15  
DJ Balcombe not out .....10  
Extras .....8  
**Total (7 wickets, 19.4 overs) .....96**  
**FOW:** 1-8, 2-10, 3-17, 4-36, 5-69, 6-69, 7-70  
**Bowling:** Crook 4-0-21-1; Stone 3-1-8-3; Hall 2-4-0-19-0; Spriegel 4-0-15-1; de Lange 4-0-15-2; Daggett 2-0-16-0.  
**Hampshire won by 3 wickets**



# WHAT'S THE BEST BET?

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**WILL 2013 finally be the year that Somerset get their hands on the major silverware which have agonisingly eluded them in recent times?**

The bookies certainly think so. Even though Hampshire won a t20/CB40 one day double last year, the odds compilers have installed the west country county as favourites in both tournaments.

Somerset are also joint second favourites – behind defending champions Warwickshire – to land what would be their first ever County Championship title.

In order to lift silverware, though, the county must lay the ghost of several near misses.

Incredibly, Somerset have been runners-up in seven different tournaments in the last four years.

They finished second in the 2010 and 2012 Championship – in the first year finishing level on points with Nottinghamshire only to miss out due to Notts having won more games – were beaten finalists in the CB40 in 2010 and 2011, and also lost in the final of three successive t20 tournaments between 2009 and 2011 inclusive.

In the second of those three defeats, against Hampshire at The Ageas Bowl in 2010, Somerset lost by virtue of losing more wickets after the scores had finished level in a thrilling, confusing climax.

They almost made it four successive t20 finals in 2012 but were beaten by Hampshire in the semi-finals!

How's that for a run of near misses, almost certainly unparalleled in county cricket history.

A quick look at the Somerset squad shows the county's main strength – the batting.

The county are obviously lucky to have had Marcus Trescothick available for all games in recent years, since his well publicised health issues led to him quitting the international scene in 2006.

But Somerset have many other high class runscorers.

Jos Buttler, Nick Compton and Craig Kieswetter have graduated to England senior honours in

## 2013 BETTING

### Blue Square Bet odds

**Championship Division 1:**  
Warwickshire 4/1, Nottinghamshire 11/2, Surrey 11/2, Somerset 11/2, Durham 6/1, Middlesex 7/1, Sussex 8/1, Yorkshire 9/1, Derbyshire 16/1.  
**Division 2:** Lancashire 11/4, Hampshire 4/1, Kent 4/1, Worcestershire 6/1, Essex 13/2, Glamorgan 14/1, Northants 16/1, Leicestershire 16/1, Gloucestershire 16/1.

**CB 40:** Somerset 5/1, Surrey 7/1, Sussex 8/1, Warwickshire 10/1, Yorkshire 10/1, Middlesex 10/1, Notts 10/1, Hampshire 12/1, Durham 14/1, Essex 14/1, Kent 16/1, Lancashire 16/1, Leicestershire 28/1, Northants 28/1, Worcestershire 33/1, Derbyshire 40/1, Glamorgan 40/1, Gloucs 40/1, Netherlands 100/1, Scotland 500/1, Unicorns 500/1

**Friends Life t20:** Somerset 5/1, Surrey 6/1, Sussex 7/1, Notts 7/1, Hampshire 10/1, Yorkshire 10/1, Lancashire 11/1, Warwickshire 14/1, Essex 16/1, Kent 16/1, Durham 20/1, Gloucs 20/1, Northants 20/1, Middlesex 25/1, Derbyshire 28/1, Leics 28/1, Glamorgan 28/1, Worcs 33/1

the last few years, while James Hildreth remains one of the most prolific county batsmen never to have played for England in any form of the game.

In addition, Peter Trego – on his day one of the most powerful batsmen in the English game, as well as being a danger with the ball – was named county cricket's Most Valuable Player at the end of the 2012 season.

That was after he scored 897 runs and took 67 wickets in all competitions.

It could be that international calls hinder Somerset's trophy-hunting potential in 2013.

Over the last year Buttler has established himself in England's t20 team, replacing his Taunton colleague Craig Kieswetter as a quickscoring batsman who can also keep wicket.

He was voted man of the match for a blistering unbeaten 32 off just 10 balls at Edgbaston last September, since when he has scored 32 not out off 16 balls and 54 off 30 deliveries against New Zealand, and an unbeaten 33 off 21 balls against India.

And following his back to back Test centuries against New Zealand last week, opening bat Compton – the top runscorer in Division 1 of the Championship last season – is now in line to figure in the forthcoming Ashes series.



ASHES POSSIBLE: Nick Compton.

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# Spitfires are grounded by high-fliers Embridge

**SOUTHAMPTON Spitfires under-14s were brought crashing down to earth by Embridge Eagles last week.**

Hosts Southampton were short-handed against the visiting title favourites, but took the early initiative with a superb break from full-back Ewan Watson, who was hauled down just short of the line.

The position enabled Adam Ross-Warner to crash over for an early 4-0 lead. Watson's conversion passed narrowly wide.

The Eagles responded with a three-try blitz, clocking up 14 points in nine minutes.

When a penalty finally gifted them possession, Southampton showed the flair that mesmerised Newham a week earlier, Gary Smart, Joseph Campbell and Ross-Warner



**ON THE BALL:** Action from the match between Southampton and Embridge.

combined to who released Watson to cross 20 metres in from touch.

Watson was unfortunate to see his colossal 20th minute conversion attempt hit the upright.

Two minutes later Spitfires took advantage of an Elmbridge handling error to score a width of the pitch try, which Ross-Warner finished off by using the wet conditions to slide in at the corner.

The unconverted try narrowed the gap to 14-12.

The Eagles produced their best rugby to extend their lead again with a breakaway try edging them to a more comfortable six-point lead.

However, Southampton hit back when Ross-Warner ram-paged through weak defence to complete his hat-trick. Watson was on target with the conversion reducing the margin to 20-18.

From the restart the Eagles showed their title credentials, taking advantage of a lapse in concentration to run in two

quick tries, both improved from in front of the posts to go into the break 32-18 up.

With no fresh legs on the bench Southampton struggled after the break and a handful of early Eagles scores set the tone for the remainder as the hosts failed to maintain possession from the each subsequent kick-off.

Elmbridge cashed in their bench options to continue running in tries but the highlight of the second half belonged to the Spitfires, when centre Charlie Forsyth chipped through the defensive line, placing the ball in the in-goal area for second rower Ross Warner to claim his fourth try and the man-of-the-match honours in a 78-24 loss.

For more information visit: [www.southampton-spitfires.co.uk](http://www.southampton-spitfires.co.uk)



## ■ THIS WEEK'S LOCAL AND NATIONAL FOOTBALL FIXTURES ■ THIS WEEK'S LOCAL AND NATIONAL FOOTBALL FIXTURES

**Monday, March 25**

### INTERNATIONAL MATCH

Brazil v Russia (Stamford Bridge).

### EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP

Qualifying Group Three: Scotland U21 v Luxembourg U21.

### UNDER-21 FRIENDLY

England U21 v Austria U21

### UEFA EUROPEAN UNDER-17 CHAMPIONSHIP

Elite Round Group 6: England U17 v Russia U17 (Pirelli Stadium).

### BLUE SQUARE BET CONFERENCE

South: Chelmsford v Eastbourne Borough.

### EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE

Division One South & West: Bridgwater v Taunton, Mangotsfield v Sholing.

### WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE

Wyvern Challenge Shield, quarter-final: Team Solent v Poole Town.

Premier Division: Salisbury City v Dorchester Town.

**Tuesday, March 26**

### FIFA WORLD CUP

European Qualifying Group A: Serbia v Scotland, Wales v Croatia.

Group C: Rep of Ireland v Austria.

Group F: Northern Ireland v Israel.

Group H: Montenegro v England.

### BLUE SQUARE BET CONFERENCE

Premier: Alfreton Town v Tamworth, Barrow v Macclesfield, Braintree Town v Lincoln City, Gateshead v Grimsby, Hereford v Dartford, Hyde v Cambridge Utd, Kidderminster v Woking, Luton v Ebbsfleet United, Mansfield v Nuneaton, Southport v Newport County.

South: Billericay v Boreham Wood.

Dorchester v Farnborough, Dover v AFC Hornchurch, Staines v Bromley, Sutton v Weston-super-Mare, Tonbridge Angels v Eastleigh.

### EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE

Premier Division: Arlesey v Redditch, Hemel Hempstead v Basingstoke.

Division One South & West: Paulton Rovers v Shortwood, Poole Town v Swindon Supermarine, Winchester City v Cinderford.

### RUSSELL COTES CUP

Semi-final: Gosport Borough v Christchurch.

SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE

South: Chelmsford v Eastbourne Borough.

GE Hamble v Alton, Horndean v Bemerton HH, Lymington Town v Blackfield & Langley, Romsey v Fareham.

Division One: Brockenhurst v Hythe & Dibden, Petersfield v Fleet Spurs, Ringwood v Team Solent, Tadley Calvea v Whitchurch.

WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE

Wyvern Challenge Shield, quarter-final: Sholing v Winchester City.

Division One East: Hayling Utd v US Portsmouth.

Division One West: New Milton v Laverstock & Ford.

**Wednesday, March 27**

### EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE

Premier Division: Frome v Cambridge City, Kettering v St Neots.

Division One South & West: Bishops Cleeve v Bridgwater, Merthyr Town v Clevedon.

SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE

Premier Division: AFC Portchester v Fawley AFC, Totton & Eling v New Milton Town, Verwood v Hayling Utd.

**Thursday, March 28**

### UNDER 16 INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT

Chile U16 v England U16.

### UEFA EUROPEAN UNDER-17 CHAMPIONSHIP

Elite Round Group 6: Slovenia U17 v England U17.

### EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE

Division One South & West: Abingdon Utd v Sholing.

SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE

Premier Division: Horndean v GE Hamble, Newport IoW v Blackfield & Langley.

WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE

Wyvern Challenge Shield, quarter-final: AFC Portchester v Bemerton HH.

Premier Division: AFC Totton v Dorchester Town, Basingstoke v Middlesbrough.

**Friday, March 29**

(FL games 3pm to unless stated)

### npower FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Championship: Blackburn v Blackpool, Crystal Palace v Birmingham (5.30pm), Derby v Bristol City (7.45pm), Leicester v Millwall (7.45pm), Watford v Burnley.

League 1: Brentford v Notts County, Bury v Crewe, Carlisle v Shrewsbury, Colchester v

Bournemouth, Coventry v Doncaster, Crawley Town v Stevenage, Hartlepool v Milton Keynes Dons, Preston v Portsmouth (5pm), Scunthorpe v Leyton Orient, Swindon v Oldham, Tranmere v Sheff Utd, Yeovil v Walsall.

League 2: Barnet v Dag & Red, Bradford v Southend, Northampton v Torquay (7.45pm), Oxford Utd v Morecambe, Port Vale v Cheltenham, Rochdale v Aldershot, Rotherham v AFC Wimbledon, Wycombe v Accrington Stanley.

### BLUE SQUARE BET CONFERENCE

Premier: Ebbsfleet United v Forest Green.

South: Basingstoke v Eastleigh, Havant & Waterlooville v Truro, Welling v Chelmsford.

SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE

SWL Cup Final: Alresford Town v Brockenhurst (at Christchurch FC, 3.00)

Division One: Amesbury v Pewsey Vale.

**Saturday, March 30**

(FL games 3pm to unless stated)

### BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE

Arsenal v Reading, Everton v Stoke (5.30pm), Man City v Newcastle, SAINTS v Chelsea, Sunderland v Man Utd (12.45pm), Swansea v Tottenham, West Ham v West Brom, Wigan v Norwich.

### npower FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Championship: Charlton v Bolton, Huddersfield v Hull (5.20pm), Ipswich v Leeds, Nottm Forest v Brighton, Peterborough v Cardiff, Sheff Wed v Barnsley, Wolverhampton v Middlesbrough.

League 2: Bristol Rovers v York, Burton Albion v Chesterfield, Fleetwood Town v Gillingham, Plymouth v Exeter (1pm).

### BARCLAYS U18 PREMIER LEAGUE

Elite Group Stage: Bolton U18 v SAINTS U18 (11am).

### UNDER 16 INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT

Germany U16 v England U16.

### BLUE SQUARE BET CONFERENCE

Premier: AFC Telford v Nuneaton, Alfreton Town v Lincoln City, Cambridge Utd v Luton, Gateshead v Southport, Grimsby v Barrow, Hyde v Wrexham, Kidderminster v Braintree Town, Macclesfield v Stockport County, Newport County v Dartford, Tamworth v Mansfield, Woking v Hereford.

South: Billericay v Hayes & Yeading, Boreham Wood v AFC Hornchurch, Bromley v Eastbourne Borough, Dorchester v Staines, Dover v Sutton, Maidenhead v Bath City, Salisbury City v Tonbridge Angels, Weston-super-Mare v Farnborough.

EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE

Premier Division: Banbury v St Neots, Bedford v AFC Totton, Bedworth v Basingstoke, Cambridge City v Leamington, Chesham v Bideford, Frome v Kettering, Gosport Borough v Arlesey, Hemel Hempstead v Barwell, Hitchin v Chippenham, Stourbridge v St Albans, Weymouth v Redditch.

Division One South & West: Bridgwater v Sholing, Cinderford v Wimbome, Didcot v Clevedon, Evesham v Paulton Rovers, Mangotsfield v Abingdon Utd, North Leigh v Yate, Poole Town v Bishops Cleeve, Shortwood v Hungerford, Swindon Supermarine v Taunton, Tiverton v Merthyr Town, Winchester City v Cirencester.

SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE

Premier Division: Alton v Fawley AFC, GE Hamble v Hamworthy Utd, Hayling Utd v

Bemerton HH, Horndean v AFC Portchester, Lymington Town v Verwood, Moneyfields v Christchurch, New Milton v Bournemouth Poppies, Newport IoW v Fareham Town (2.00), Totton & Eling v Downton.

Division One: Andover New Street v Whitchurch, Cowes Sports v East Cowes Vics, Hythe & Dibden v Team Solent, Petersfield v US Portsmouth, Stockbridge v Laverstock & Ford, Tadley Calvea v Fleet Spurs.

### PUMA ENGINEERING HAMPSHIRE PREMIER LEAGUE

Senior Division: AFC Aldermaston v Sporting BW, Clanfield v Hedge End Rangers, Colden Common v Otterbourne, Fleetlands v Winchester Castle, Hamble Club v Bournemouth Sports, Liphook Utd v AFC Stoneham, Paulsgrove v Liss Athletic, QK Southampton v Locks Heath, University of Portsmouth v Overton.

Combination: AFC Stoneham v Overton, Hedge End Rangers v Sporting BW, Liss Athletic v Fleetlands, Locks Heath v Clanfield, Otterbourne v Liphook, Winchester Castle v Colden Common.

### WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE

Premier Division: AFC Portchester v Salisbury City, AFC Totton v Bemerton HH, Christchurch v Winchester City, Sholing v Dorchester Town, Wimbome v Fleet Town.

Division One East: Alresford v Petersfield, Fareham Town v Alton, Team Solent v Tadley Calvea, US Portsmouth v Horndean, Whitchurch v GE Hamble.

Division One West: Blackfield & Langley v New Milton, East Cowes v Ringwood, Fawley AFC v Downton, Laverstock & Ford v Hythe & Dibden, Verwood v Romsey Town.



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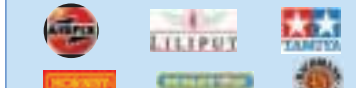
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# Youth Football



**TACKLE:** Totton's Jake Swift, right, blocks a Portsmouth shot in the Peter Munro Cup final.

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**NAUGHTY BOY:** A Totton player picks up a yellow card, above.

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**STRIKE:** Totton's Josh Armstrong shoots just wide in the Peter Munro Cup final.

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**GLORY BOYS:** Totton celebrate their Peter Munro Cup final win.

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# SAM AND TOTTON'S

## COLLEGES ROUND-UP by Mike Vimpany

**A STUNNING 35-yard strike by Sam House and a close range goal by Sam Elsom midway through the second half earned Totton a 2-0 victory over Portsmouth in the Hampshire Sixth Form Colleges' Peter Munro Cup final at Team Solent's Test Park Stadium.**

The pair gave Totton their first Hampshire colleges silverware since the league and cup double winning season of 2007/8, and broke Itchen's recent monopoly of the competition.

Victory brought a fitting end to the college 'careers' of a host of Totton players, who will be saying their farewells to the Water Lane complex at the end of the current academic year.

Totton, older and more experienced, deserved their victory, but made harder work of it than they might have done.

They had enough chances to have wrapped things up before half-time but several squandered opportunities allowed Portsmouth back into it and set up an intriguing second half.

Dangerous from Josh Armstrong set pieces, Totton twice went close before House



**EFFORT:** James Clifton goes for a spectacular overhead kick.

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gave them the lead with a goal fit to win any cup final.

House, who alongside Armstrong pulled the strings in midfield, seized on a loose ball 35 yards out and unleashed a screamer of a shot which flew past the outstretched hands of Portsmouth goalkeeper George Davies.

Totton could have put the game to bed after that.

James Clifton hit the bar and several other good chances went begging as Portsmouth clung on, seldom creating any danger in Kamil Kowalczyk's goal at the opposite end.

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# Youth Football



**YOU BEAUTY:** Totton's Sam Elsom, centre, is mobbed by his teammates after netting for his side in their cup final win.

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# SAM SEAL CUP WIN

But minutes before half-time Portsmouth gained some self belief with George Pharoah glancing Jonny Longmore's free kick just wide of the right-hand Totton upright.

It was the tonic Portsmouth needed – and the second half was a different story.

Portsmouth got themselves into the game, enjoying more possession and making Totton work harder and chase the ball a lot more.

Josh Lamb went close with a low shot, but they still looked vulnerable at the back, and Armstrong was unfortunate not to double Totton's lead with a hooked shot that hit the near post. But, as Portsmouth continued to gain a reasonable foothold in the game, they were undone by a second Totton strike.

Clifton sent the ball into the Portsmouth goalmouth and, from close range centre-half Elsom made it 2-0.

It was the cushion Totton badly needed and with the likes of House running out of steam, Portsmouth came back, with Kowalczyk tipping a stinging long range effort from Ethan Wiggins over the bar.

Moments from the end Nathan Hurst emerged from the bench and, in a brief spell on the pitch, saw an effort cleared off the Portsmouth line.

So, Totton's trophy it was but, after being second best for most of the opening period, Portsmouth certainly made a decent fist of it as the game went on.



**ON THE BALL:** Totton's James Clifton.

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## Easy for Itchen

GOAL king Cody Wilson didn't manage to add to his 27-goal tally for the season, but Itchen (pictured above) still retained the Hampshire Sixth Form Colleges Second XI Cup with a 3-0 victory over Peter Symonds at Test Park.

Skipper Kieran Palmer opened Itchen's account before Bradley Fountain, taking time off from his Norwich City trials, doubled their lead.

Itchen goalkeeper Brad Sully saved a PSC penalty before Matt Gray sealed Itchen's victory in the second half.

**RIGHT:** Kieran Palmer (top left), Matt Gray (right) and Bradley Fountain (bottom) scored the goals in Itchen's 3-0 Second XI Cup final

Win. All pics by Mike Vimpany



## Treble triumph

THE Hampshire Sixth Form Colleges Third XI Cup will remain in the Itchen trophy cabinet for a third successive year following a 3-1 victory over St Vincent at Test Park.

Callum Williams got the show on the road from the penalty spot, but Itchen were pegged back when

Dylan Todd lobbed the Gosport visitors level.

But Itchen, pictured above, had an ace card up their sleeve when Jake Harvey came off the substitute's bench to make it 2-1 with a left-foot shot and then seal the victory with a header.



# Non-league Football

## Six-goal Sean is right as rain

### ■ HAYWARD SATURDAY LGE

RAIN once again caused havoc with the Hayward Saturday League schedule but Bournemouth A's Sean McCoy found the conditions to his liking when he blasted all six goals to sink Galleon 6-1.

The Sparkies are now six points clear at the top of DIVISION TWO. Sam Nash scored Galleon's consolation goal.

Tom Linbourn struck twice for New Milton Linnets but Westover Bournemouth Reserves put more distance between themselves and the drop zone when Ed Ewens and Sandy Rarity scored two apiece to give them the upper hand 4-2.

Bournemouth Electric moved up to second place in the PREMIER DIVISION with a 3-0 victory over Westover Bournemouth. Jolyan May struck twice with Luke McCoy getting the other one for the Sparkies who extended their unbeaten run in the top flight to six games.

Jonathan Watt (2) and Mike Walsh netted for Bournemouth Poppies but they had to settle for a point when John Cook, Dan Haynes and Mark Pearsall earned Parley Sports a 3-3 draw.

Tom Cranmer gave Alderholt a first-half lead but their unbeaten league record was ruined when DIVISION ONE leaders Richmond Park Con came back superbly after the break to win 2-1. Central defender Mike Johnston put them on terms from a set play and Dominic Parnell bagged the winner to put Richmond seven points clear at the top.

John Payne led the way with a hat-trick when New Milton Eagles walloped Pig & Whistle 9-2 to go top of DIVISION FOUR on goal difference. Chris Payne (2), Oily Luchoomun, Shaun Waterman, Chris Waterman and Jon Spooner were the other Eagles' marksmen with Rob Cole and Tamas Gzoboczki replying for the visitors.

Fifa Standards cruised into a commanding four-goal lead with Matt Riggs and Billy McCormick getting two each but they had a scare when Richmond Park Con Reserves pulled it back to 4-3 with goals from Stuart Marshall, Paul Barber and Joe Sapsed before missing a penalty that would have earned them a point.

Lower Parkstone CFC move up to second place in DIVISION FIVE on goal difference after spanking bottom placed Bransgore United 7-1 with goals from Ross Dominey (2), Matt Baker (2), Andy Cordial, Steve Burns, and Pete McLarty. Ryan Maxfield scored Bransgore's consolation goal.

### ■ HAYWARD SUNDAY LGE

## Spartans get even

ONLY two games survived after more overnight rain and Townsend Spartans avenged their DIVISION FOUR defeat to Magpies back in January when they just got the better of them 5-4 with goals from Anthony Cappalonga (2), Luke Brown, Simon Walsh and Andrew Hardiman.

Ricky Barton (2), Lee Jenson and Alex Findlay replied for Magpies who also missed a penalty.

Mark Adey and Jason Hannen netted for Tower Park in DIVISION NINE but Kings Park Athletic were 4-2 winners thanks to Dan Rankin, Nick Pounds, Gary Street, and Tom Jeans.



**PARTY TIME:** Priory Rovers celebrate with the SDFB B Cup and, below, captain Dan Hobbs receiving the trophy from league president Fred Wiltshire.

All pics by Tom Campbell



## Five star cup final

**SATURDAY'S Junior fixture list was a complete washout but the previous Thursday produced a great display of attacking football from Priory Rovers to seal their first ever Cup Final victory.**

Priory were unstoppable as they carried out an outstanding 5-0 demolition job on New Forest Res to win the Southampton Divisional

FA B Cup. Priory were indebted to an impressive double from man-of-the-match

Chris Schuring, one a delightful lob over Paul Saunders in the New Forest goal, and the other, the last of the match, with a perfectly struck penalty into the roof of the net.

Russ Medcalf also capped a great performance on the night with a goal, while Tom Williams and Wayne Webster also found the net for Priory.

## Thoughts turn to 2013/14 season

**EVEN** though this season is not yet complete, the Drew Smith League's administration is already looking at next season and interviews for new teams will take place over the coming weeks.

All clubs next season whether new or existing, will be required to take player injury more seriously with Player Injury Insurance obligatory.

The National FA have brokered a deal with Blue Fin insurance that will cost each team £26 per season which works out at approximately 9p per player per game.

There is no obligation to use this company but clubs will have to opt for this type of insurance whether they like it or not!

Hopefully, it will not have too

much effect on small clubs who will be expected to fork out for this.

Players will surely see the sense of it. Serious injury can affect players' working livelihoods as well as affecting their playing careers so a small addition to each players' signing on fees to cover their well-being is a sensible way forward for teams.

The Isle of Wight League have been using this company and have had two occasions when it has been beneficial to players already!

Any potential new teams for the mainstream league, the Veterans divisions or the ladies casual division please contact Rod Sutherland, the league's hon sec [sotonfl@gmail.com](mailto:sotonfl@gmail.com) or 023 8086 4828.

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# Non-league Football



**YOU BEAUTY:** Chris Schuring fires in Priory Rovers' fourth goal in their cup final win over New Forest Reserves and, below, Schuring is mobbed by his teammates.

## Priory turn into a romp



**GOOD SHOW:** The SDFA B Cup final referee and officials.

■ THE Eastleigh RA Vets Supp A Cup reached the semi-final stage partly by design, partly by default. Baddesley Park were unable to fulfil their fixture at Redlynch & Woodfalls, who had already won Group B. Hedge End Rangers scorer Matt West saw his goal cancelled out as Northend held them one each. That result knocked them both out. RS Winchester, who have already completed their fixtures, held on to sec-

ond spot to qualify to meet Group A winners Q K Soton in their semi-final. Redlynch clash with GE Aviation B in the other semi final. The Vets Supp B Cup is also at the semi stage with Mich & Tims meeting Bishop's Waltham Dynamo and Locks Heath doing battle with Wildern OB. The only other match played saw Old Tauntonian's win 3-1 at Winchester OB in the O-40 section – the pitch at Littleton drains well.

### DREW SMITH LEAGUE NEWS ROUND-UP

Robbie Hammerton grabbed a brace with Ali Walton also on target for OTs.

■ THE Hampshire FA Vets Cup final was postponed on Thursday (new date to be arranged) and the SDFA Womens' final was another victim on Wednesday, but this will now take place on Thursday, March 28.



■ After a couple of decent weeks of fixtures being played, we were again victims of almost complete washout with just three matches played last Saturday.

Thankfully, teams are wising up to agreeing the double headers where they can and where opponents are willing.

Many teams have also opted to play on alternative venues as we battle to keep on track with achieving satis-

factory outcomes to divisional titles and cup competitions.

Ironically, a number of teams have completed fixtures whilst a few others are less than halfway home.

■ Next weekend sees the clocks go forward so we will be taking advantage by putting in the usual bag of midweek fixtures from Wednesday, April 3. These are 6pm kick offs and will also help with completing the season.

## Weekend washout isn't quite complete

IN a washed-out day for Southampton's Sunday fixtures, only three games were played throughout the entire programme.

High-flying Junior Division 4 outfit Hampshire Yeoman eased past Test Valley Spartans in the City of Southampton Sunday Football League's Charlie Godden Trophy quarter-final at Gangwarilly Sports Centre.

Yeoman went into the break with a two-goal advantage, having gone 3-1 up against the Junior Division 6 club.

They didn't stop there, much to the despair of Spartans.

A further two goals were scored in the second half to make it 5-1 to the hosts, a result that secures them a place in the semi-final.

Yeoman began raising expectations with a Dan Sultana brace, while there were goals from Jake Voller (pictured), Paul Wilkinson and Leigh McIlldoon.

Tom Edwards did manage to get a goal for the visitors, however it was Yeoman's game on a very wet day.



The only game played in the whole of the Southampton and District Sunday Football League was the clash between seventh place Holbury United and winless Hedge End Social Club in Division 2.

Holbury were 3-2 up at half time and were hanging on to 4-3 lead with just four minutes to go. Incredibly, though, Hedge End, who hadn't recorded a win all season, managed to claim all three points in the dying minutes with two late goals to make it 5-4.

Lee James, Scott Mansfield, George West and Brett Withy all netted for Holbury, while Lee Fuller, David Helps, Lewis Grimes, Simon Mabey and Pat Williams all made sure of the victory for Hedge End.

The only game to be played in the City of Southampton Youth League was the Under-16 Division 2 game that saw Blackfield & Langley try and extend their two-point lead at the top of the table, as they took on Botley Village at home.

And Blackfield & Langley duly went five points clear at the top after they comfortably beat Botley Village 3-1 at the Gang Warily Recreation Centre ground.



# HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT SPORTS AWARDS 2013



**ALL SMILES:** Doreen Old, front, celebrates her win with all the winners and the evening's host, Kris Temple from *BBC South Today*.

## SPORTING CELEBRATION

**EXCEPTIONAL** sporting achievement and endeavour was celebrated at the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Sports Awards.

Held at Southampton Football Club, it was fitting that the city was well represented with three winners and two shortlisted nominees.

Chris Mears, won Senior Sportsman for his contribution to diving and Doreen Old won Service to Sport for Athletics for her involvement in sport for more than 60 years.

Active Nation Diving Programme won Club of the Year.

The shortlisted nominees included Frank Clewlow who was nominated for Official of the Year and Lindsey Fraser who was nominated for Performance Coach.

Annie Clewlow, from Active Nation Diving Programme, said: "It is amazing to win the award and to have the diving programme recognised in this way."

"There are an enormous number of people that play different roles in making the programme as successful as it is and this is a tribute to all of those people including Active Nation, the families of the athletes and the athletes themselves."

Eastleigh was well represented with three winners and seven shortlisted nominees. Dani King, pictured right, won Senior Sportswoman for her success in the track cycling



**CLUB OF THE YEAR:** Active Nation Diving Programme members with Neil Rider from award sponsor Serious Sport.



team pursuit at London 2012.

David Smith won Senior Disability Sports Person for his contribution to Boccia, winning an individual BCI silver and BC1/BC2 team bronze medal at the London 2012

Paralympics.

Carey McCormick won Senior Volunteer for her support towards the successful Back to Netball programme.

The shortlisted nominees included David Knott who was nominated for Junior Disability Sportsperson, Adam Knott who was nominated for Senior Disability Sportsperson, Ira Banerjee, who was nominated for Junior Sportswomen, Peter Bull, who was nominated for Participation Coach and Cliff Fullbrook, Nigel Goddard and Ricky Goddard who were nominated for Official of the Year.

Two Winchester teenagers were

among those who picked up awards. Jess Myers, a current upper sixth Peter Symonds College student (formerly at Swanmore College of Technology) won the title of Junior Sportswoman for Football and Bethany Shaw, a former Symonds and Mountbatten student, was awarded the Junior Volunteer Award.

"We are delighted to hear of Jess and Bethany's success," said Ali Wareham, head of PE and women's football coach at the college. "Both of them are inspirational and committed sports people."

The annual celebration of sport was hosted by Sport Hampshire & IOW and is an annual joint venture between Hampshire County Council, Sport Hampshire & IOW and the local sports councils and forums in Hampshire.

Speaking at the event, Cllr Keith Chapman, executive member for culture and recreation of Hampshire County Council said: "Tonight has been a fantastic opportunity to recognise and reward local people's dedication to sport and celebrate their achievements."

"Following on from such an amazing year for sport in 2012 it is inspiring to see so much commitment, inspiration and excellence within the sporting community in our county."

More than two hundred athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers, teams and clubs were put forward to receive an award.



**JUNIOR VOLUNTEER AWARD:** Bethany Shaw.



**JUNIOR SPORTSWOMAN AWARD:** Jess Myers.



● Barry Bowden, GB Boccia coach, accepting Senior Disability Sportsperson of the Year award on David Smith's behalf.



● Trevor King, father of Olympic Gold medal cyclist Dani King, accepting the Senior Sportswoman award on her behalf.





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**WORLD CHAMPIONS:** Alain Prost and Jenson Button talk all things motor sport.

# Best festival ever planned

WORDS AND PICTURES  
BY GLYNN WILLIAMS

**GOODWOOD this week lifted the lid on plans for the 21st Festival of Speed (FOS) and 16th Revival race meeting.**

The scale of the events is reflected by an economic impact report for last autumn's Revival, just published by the University of Brighton and Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs, which shows that the historic race meeting generated a staggering £35.98m, of which more than £12m was for the local economy – up to 20km radius – and £13m came from the Bonhams auction.

It was also responsible for 95,000 person/night stays, with over 25,000 outside the 20km zone, accounting for full

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hotels across Hampshire including Southampton and Winchester.

But first in the 2013 calendar comes the Festival of Speed, and as host the Earl of March, who gives up his stately front drive and 20-acre gardens for the FOS pointed out, the festival has been going longer than the classic era of the estate's historic motor circuit used for the Revival, where the likes of

Stirling Moss and John Surtees cut their racing teeth.

He added: "This little piece of ground has played host to more of the greatest cars and drivers than anywhere else in the world."

It is the only event outside the F1 World Championship where you can see most of the current F1 teams and drivers in action, as well as past legends like Moss, Surtees and Alain Prost.

To celebrate, this summer's Festival of Speed (July 12-14) will focus on highlights from the Goodwood event's glittering history on the hillclimb tarmac and forest rally stage.

Star cars and motorcycles, plus drivers and riders from each of the world's major motor sport disciplines, past and present, will be featured at Goodwood, including champions from Formula 1, Indycar, the World Rally Championship, Superbikes, NASCAR, World Sports Cars and Touring Cars.



**COOKING UP A TREAT:** James Martin with his recently acquired Mini Cooper S racer.



**CLASSIC:** Ex-F1 and Le Mans star Jochen Mass in gullwing Mercedes.



**ACTION MAN:** Ian Gwynne with the ex-Colin McRae Subaru that provides dramatic action on the forest rally stage.



# MOTOR RACING: Stoneman on comeback

# DEAN'S BACK ON

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**IT IS only two years since cancer wrecked his Formula One dream, but Dean Stoneman is preparing for a remarkable comeback.**

He will resurrect his career over the Easter weekend, when he takes the wheel at Brands Hatch for the opening round of the Porsche Carrera Cup GB.

But Dean is just grateful to be alive.

Since winning the 2010 F2 Championship – which he followed by driving faster than Rubens Barrichello, Pastor Maldonado and Paul Di Resta while testing for the Williams F1 Team in November 2010 – he has come through the biggest challenge of his life.

Still only 22, Dean was found to be riddled with tumours when finally diagnosed with cancer in January 2011.

Two days after agreeing to drive the Renault 3.5 for ISR Racing later that year – with ambitions to enter F1 in 2012 – his worst fears were confirmed.

“I signed up on the Monday and was in hospital in the Wednesday,” he recalls. “But it took eight trips to the doctor over 18 months, before we booked ultrasound scans and a specialist.

“In the end the doctor said ‘if you think there’s a problem here are three numbers to book it yourself’.

“So between me and my dad we did what we thought was necessary.

“I had the rarest form of testicular cancer, with symptoms spread from head to toe – including sore nipples, spots on my back, heartburn, pain through my groin, a lump in my stomach and a blocked kidney.

“I had a tumour on the left of my brain the size of ten pence piece, pins and needles in my face and I couldn’t speak.

“The doctors said ‘1’ was OK and ‘4’ serious and then marked me 4+++ – the highest you can get.

## Snowstorm

“My X-rays looked like a snowstorm – they counted 250 tumours covering my right testicle, liver, lung, chest, and brain.

“I was two days from untreatable, two hours from losing my legs and a kidney and was given a 30 per cent survival chance.

“A lot of people think it was just an operation to take my right testicle out but it was intense, involving two three-week cycles of chemotherapy for 18 hours a day.

“I wouldn’t wish it on anyone. It was the biggest race of my life.

“They told me if I had any bleeding or coughing up of blood I would have a zero per cent chance [of survival].

“So it got scary when I had blood coming out of my toe nails! It would have been so easy for me to just sit there and give up. Within a week I’d have gone.

“But the day I went in the nurse said ‘never give up’. I can’t thank her and the amazing staff at Southampton General enough. I owe everything to them.”

We are at Silverstone, where Dean is enjoying his lunch, having driven faster than his more experienced rivals during the

**I was two days from untreatable, two hours from losing my legs and a kidney and was given a 30 per cent survival chance**

morning session of his first official Porsche test day.

Last year, he prepared for this day by winning the P1 SuperStock UK Powerboat Championship in typically fearless fashion.

He is the son of a former British powerboat champion, but racing cars is what Dean was born to do and his passion for the sport is evident as he reflects on his incredible journey.

“After being diagnosed I never thought I’d get back in a race car,” he admits. “At the time the most important thing was my health.

“I was in bed for 24 weeks and for three months I couldn’t walk all the way upstairs.

“But two months after the chemotherapy and four operations, I tried out the World Series Renault car with my fingers literally strapped to the steering wheel!”

Dean has not yet fully recovered from the nerve damage in his extremities.

“If I had the physical strength to race cars I would have done last year,” he said. “Boats

are quite hard on the body, but nowhere near as physical as racing a car so the powerboating was a bit of fun to get back enjoying myself again, living every day as the last one.”

Dean’s career has evolved through circumstance. He began as a motocross rider but switched to go-karting when the foot-and-mouth outbreak of 2000 reduced access to Hampshire’s farmland.

The effects of the chemotherapy make a return in the two-seater Porsche 911 GT3 the logical next step.

## Side-effects

“I’ve got a lot of side-effects; tingling pins and needles in my feet all the time, cold feet and the nerve damage means the feel through the pedals has been a problem in the cars,” he reveals, casually. “It’s just natural now, I know what feels right through my legs, but to get all my fitness back will take me two years.

“Hopefully I’ll get back to where I was, but the chances are I won’t fully recover from the nerve damage, now I’ve had two cycles of chemo’.

“That’s why I decided to go with sports cars this year, they’re a lot easier on the body.

“I can drive the Porsche all day, every day, as I could a single-seater when I was fit.

“But now I would struggle to hold on in a single-seater for half a day. And I’ve been knocked back so far I feel physically drained after a day’s testing in the Porsche.

“It’s about seeing what works and what doesn’t, but my fitness is improving all the time.”

Having won the 2010 F2 Championship while unaware of the seriousness of his symptoms, Dean’s fitness was an advantage during the chemotherapy.

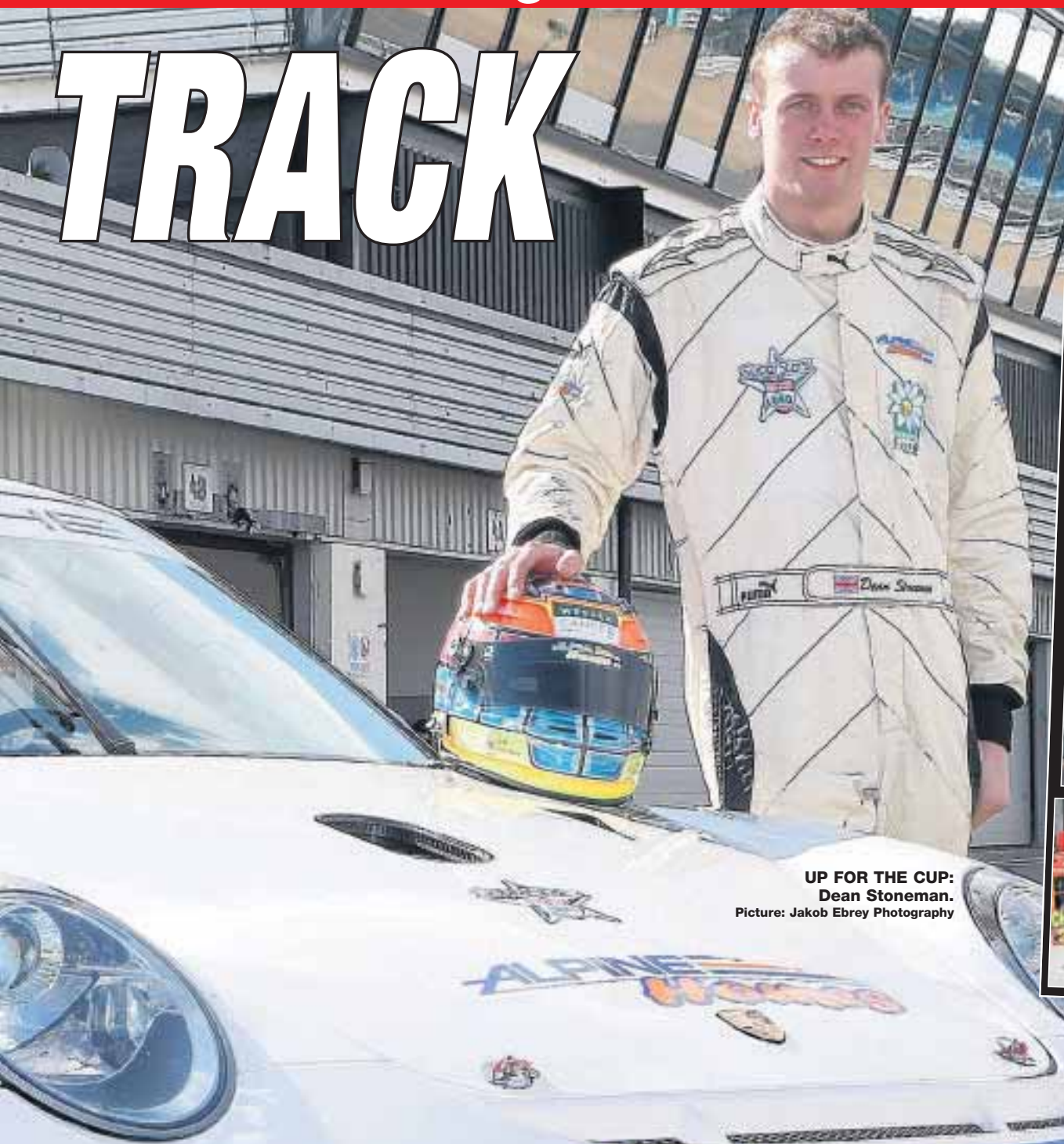
He was diagnosed soon after undergoing intensive G-force training with Mark Webber’s fitness coach, Don Gatherer, following his successful try-out with Williams.





# trail after beating odds in cancer fight

## TRACK



**UP FOR THE CUP:**  
Dean Stoneman.

Picture: Jakob Ebrey Photography



**ABOVE:** Dean Stoneman during his cancer treatment.  
**BELOW:** In single-seater action.  
**BOTTOM:** Celebrating victory in the Formula 2 championship.



### Porsche Carrera Cup 2013 meetings

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12/13 – Brands Hatch (GP)

"During F1 testing I carried heartburn tablets everywhere, but a lot of my aches and pains were put down to the extra exertion of driving an F1 car," he explains.

"I'm pleased I fulfilled a dream by driving one but, realistically, I'm now too far behind to get a seat in F1 and the costs are astronomical."

### Ambassador

It will cost a fraction of an F1 budget for Dean to race in the Porsche Carrera Cup. His driving suit hangs a little more loosely on his 5ft 11in frame than it did in his late teens and now bears the logo of the Wessex Cancer Trust, for whom he is Youth Ambassador.

He hopes it will soon be joined by those of sponsors willing to share in his story.

Dean signed up to the Porsche Carrera Cup last month on the advice of Tiff Needell, the Hampshire-born former F1 driver and television presenter.

He was then put in contact with Redline Racing by Tim Harvey, the former British Touring Car Champion, who won the Porsche Carrera Cup in 2008 and 2010 – and who will be commentating on this year's Championship for ITV.

"I didn't think about racing a Porsche, until I asked Tiff what I should do when I saw him last month," explains Dean.

"Within two days I was in a Porsche on a race track. From there it's been test, test.

"The speed is different to what I'm used to. In a Formula Renault I'm lifting a little in sixth gear when I go round the first corner at Silverstone.

"But in a Porsche I'm shifting down into fourth gear from fifth."

Dean will return to Silverstone for the penultimate race of the championship in September, but is most looking forward to racing in his home county at Thruxton in May.

"There's good support there and it's the fastest course – I'll be hitting 168mph on the

back straight," smiles the former Wyvern schoolboy, who still lives with his family in Bishop's Waltham.

Dean also knows he will at times have to rein in his innate need for speed.

"I look at second as first loser but points mean prizes in this series," he says. "Although I'll try to win every race, it's about finishing and consistency."

This time last year, Dean was considering IndyCar racing in the US, but now has the next few years mapped out.

"It's a stepping stone, you have to start somewhere, and the Carrera Cup seems the right route because next year I can go to the Porsche Super Cup, which supports many of the F1 races.

### Le Mans

"Eventually I'd like an opportunity in Le Mans, which is the ideal place to develop my career and get paid.

"At the moment that's the plan. I could be doing this for the next ten years at least."

Whatever he goes on to achieve, Dean will never be allowed to forget the biggest race of his life, not least because of the regular check-ups and scans he will undergo for the next seven years, before he can officially be given the all-clear.

The scars will always be there, but he has not just changed physically over the last two years. Dean is more grateful than ever for his two three year-old sons, Theo and Jaydon.

"They're the best thing that ever happened," he said. "I'm definitely a different person. When you're in that situation you actually realise what you have."

"Before I was quite lively but now I tend to stay low and enjoy myself with family and friends.

"You don't realise what you've got till you lose it but now I get to do the job I love again – driving a race car fast."

● More information can be found at [deanstoneman.co.uk](http://deanstoneman.co.uk).



# Horse Racing



# THE NEW MASTER OF WHITSBURY...

**HE IS a welcome piece of Edwardian elegance in this day and age, writes John Hoskins.**

Unfailing in courtesy, immaculate in dress, trainer Marcus Tregoning epitomises old world charm, but today his ubiquitous trilby and his summer suits are firmly wedged into the back of the wardrobe.

Someone has forgotten to remind Mother Nature to set her Spring alarm clock and the Arctic Circle has embraced Hampshire.

Not that Tregoning, 53, is despondent. Far from it – 2013 represents a new chapter in his life.

Lambourn's loss has become Whitsbury's gain and he has settled in to his new Hampshire home well since his mid-February move.

For those steeped in racing tradition, it seems an unlikely combination.

Tregoning is firmly associated with Kingswood Stables perched over the Berkshire valley and his much admired mentor, the late Major Dick Hern.

"If 30 per cent of him rubbed off on me, I will do fine," he modestly admitted.

Tregoning, whose racing career began at the National Stud in Newmarket, was the old school disciplinarian's assistant for 14 years until the 'handing over of the keys' as he colourfully refers to his life defining change of taking over the yard licence.

It had been a chance conversation with Jim Wallace, father of New Zealand trainer Les Wallace, which introduced him to his former guv'nor.

"I asked him if he had a horse trained in the UK, who would it be with? Jim was very well read and replied Dick Hern. That sparked an idea in my mind, though I wasn't massively into racing at the time."

Though he still mucked out three horses daily, Tregoning became his pupil assistant for one year before returning to New Zealand. But a month later, Hern's wife, Sheila, contacted him that her husband had been tragically paralysed in a hunting accident and asked him to come back.

That was in February, 1983 and Tregoning eventually took over running the yard, where 43 group winners were trained, pinnacled by Sir Percy's Derby triumph in 2006.

"I have trained a lot of his progeny, they are tough and sound," he added.

But classic success did not bring a stampede of new owners to the Sheikh Hamdan-owned yard and with a steady reduction of horses at

his disposal, Kingswood became too expensive to run. So a change of scene was necessary.

With no room at the inn at Lambourn, Tregoning accepted an invitation from Chris Harper at last year's sales to view his historic Whitsbury stables, formerly occupied by racing luminaries Sir Gordon Richards and David Elsworth, and was immensely impressed by the facilities.

"It is steeped in history and the gallops are magnificently kept," he enthused. "I love downland, it's a beautiful place and I love the countryside. For me, it's a new beginning. I shall be starting up all over again, I have 40-50 horses, I'm only training three two-year-olds for Sheikh Hamdan and I hope he will send me more so we can keep our strong association going. I am also lucky to have very good staff."

He has an even mix of young and old, with about 20 two-year-olds. It is too early to make predictions but with a smile, he understandably says all his geese are swans.

There are no classically engaged three-year-olds and the older team is led by the veteran Askar Tau, the eight-year-old Montjeu gelding, who finished an honourable second in last year's Gold Cup and was fourth in the Goodwood Cup.

He will follow a similar programme, with the Sagaro Stakes at Ascot's May meeting for his seasonal debut.

Bronze Angel, who climaxed his 2012 season by taking the Cambridgeshire, remains in training but has met with a slight setback and will not reappear until later in the season.

Tregoning entertains hopes that Boom and Bust will graduate to listed class and Miss Blakeney, winner of her last two races, will go well in valuable handicaps.

He also put in a good word for the Holy Roman Emperor filly Valais Girl.

But that is all to come.

Though he has sent out one horse for an all-weather race at Kempton, it will not be until the highly informative trials meetings at Newbury and Newmarket next month that he will unleash his first runners on grass.

So what will satisfy him this season? He does not define that with a numbers target.

"Producing some very good horses, especially two-year-olds" he explains.

"I want good quality horses, getting the best out of everyone I can. That is so rewarding. I am sure well will succeed."



**NEW MAN IN TOWN:** Marcus Tregoning with his stable stalwart Askar Tau at Whitsbury Manor Stables.

**"I want good quality horses, getting the best out of every one I can."**

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# Horse Racing

## SUNDAY'S RACING

**GAY Kelleway has enjoyed some of the best moments of her training career on the all-weather and Sunday's meeting at Lingfield offers another opportunity to keep up a current good run of form.**

Swing Alone has provided the enthusiastic Kelleway with some fun already, running a number of times across France during the early part of last year, and his slights have been lowered to the more humble task of the Breathe Spa At Lingfield Marriott Handicap.

This son of Celtic Swing may just be better on Polytrack, as his only victory so far came at Wolverhampton and he produced an encouraging comeback effort at this Surrey course just over a week ago.

Slowly away and just out of the handicap, he stuck to his task doggedly and ended up finishing a close second over a mile to a progressive rival.

The step back up to a mile and a quarter will not go amiss and with Kelleway's small Newmarket string firing at the moment, he is surely worth noting in this ordinary event.

The feature event, for the Sunday £5,000 bonus, is the Lingfield Park Owners Group Handicap and it includes a number of all-weather regulars.

A few seasons ago, Blue Jack was competing leagues above this level as a solid lower Group-class performer but his star had faded so dramatically he had ended up in claimers before being snapped up by owner Darren Hudson-Wood, an enthusiast of veteran sprinters who was involved in the likes of The Tatling.

## RESURGENT

It did not take Stuart Williams long to revive his fortunes, dropping him back to this course and distance to win in early February before he just lost out to another resurgent sort, Crew Cut, at Kempton.

Blue Jack's handicap rating remains staggeringly low compared with his best form and he is sure to be involved in the finish.

Little Jimmy has been a remarkable success story for young trainer Tom Gretton and is capable of making it four on the bounce in the Bathwick Tyres Poole Novices' Handicap Chase at Wincanton.

After starting his winning spree off a giveaway mark of 74 at Lingfield, he has risen 15lb but was not unduly punished for his most recent triumph in a weak course and distance event and seems to still have a bit in hand.

Another horse to have caught the assessor by surprise is Whispering Jack, who can rattle off a quick hat-trick in the Bathwick Tyres Handicap Chase.

Keiran Burke should continue to mine improvement from his gelding, who is back from a comfortable success at Kempton last

**WHITE OUT:** Today's traditional curtain-raiser to the flat turf season – Doncaster's Lincoln card – was lost to heavy snow.



# Flat season signals the start of spring... honest

weekend and has also won at this course, despite some moderate jumping.

Turf Flat racing returns in Ireland for the traditional Curragh curtain-raiser.

There will be just as much interest in the Aidan O'Brien Classic horses working after racing as the action on the track, but it would

be worth catching Bird's Eye View in the Macari's Supporting The Kildare Rose Handicap. Tommy Stack's filly has not seen the track much, and came back from a break of a year to land a heavy-ground maiden over the Kildare course last August.

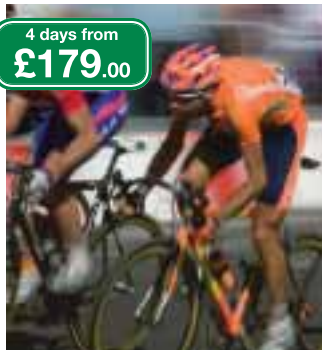
There looked as if there was plenty more to

come that day.

Denis Hogan's Inis Meain has not had the rub of the green when fancied in a couple of decent hurdles, but won his most recent start on the level with such ease at Listowel he must go close in the BetVictor Irish Lincolnshire.

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Brighton	38	9	7	3	30	15	6	7	6	24	23	59
Bolton	38	11	5	3	30	17	3	7	9	25	33	54
Middlesbrough	38	12	1	6	35	23	5	2	12	20	35	54
Leeds Utd	38	11	3	5	25	21	3	7	9	24	33	52
Burnley	38	7	6	6	24	19	6	4	9	26	32	49
Birmingham	38	6	7	6	24	29	6	6	7	26	30	49
Derby City	38	9	7	3	36	20	3	5	11	18	34	48
Millwall	36	7	2	8	21	25	6	6	7	25	27	47
Charlton	38	4	6	9	21	29	8	5	6	25	23	47
Huddersfield	38	6	8	5	21	21	6	3	10	19	43	47
Blackpool	38	5	8	6	28	23	6	5	8	25	29	46
Blackburn	37	8	4	7	22	21	3	9	6	23	27	46
Ipswich	37	7	5	7	24	24	5	5	9	12	31	46
Barnsley	37	4	7	8	21	24	5	4	9	26	34	44
Sheff Wed	37	6	3	10	22	31	6	4	8	19	21	43
Peterboro	38	5	4	10	28	36	7	2	10	27	28	42
Wolves	38	5	7	7	24	28	6	2	11	21	26	42
Bristol C	38	8	3	8	37	37	3	3	13	17	30	39

## npower League One

CHERRIES..... 4	Bury 1	Bishop 24
Pitman 8		
Fitchie 55		
Arter 80		
Tubbs 89		
HT 1-1		Att 7,229
Carlisle..... 3	Yeovil..... 3	Dawson 25
Miller 39.90		Madden 51
Ayling 90 og		Hayer 78
HT 1-1		Att 3,809
Colchester..... P	M K Dons..... P	
Postponed - due to safety reasons.		
Crawley..... P	Crewe..... P	
Postponed - due to safety reasons.		
Hartlepool..... 0	Walsall..... 0	
HT 0-0		Att 3,065
POMPEY..... 2	Coventry..... 0	
Wallace 15		
Agyemang 76		
HT 1-0		Att 12,601
Preston..... 0	Leyton O..... 0	
HT 0-0		
Scunthorpe..... 2	Doncaster..... 3	
Duffy 41		Mirfin 5 og
Hawley 85		Hume 39
HT 1-2		Brown 48
Sheff Utd..... P	Brentford..... P	
Postponed - due to snow.		
Shrewsbury..... P	Oldham..... P	
Postponed - due to snow.		
Swindon..... 0	Notts Cnty..... 0	
HT 0-0		Att 8,415

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Doncaster	39	8	5	6	24	20	13	4	3	33	19	72
Swindon	39	8	8	4	36	13	10	5	4	27	16	67
CHERRIES	40	10	6	4	36	19	9	4	7	29	32	67
Brentford	38	12	6	2	32	18	6	7	5	19	19	67
Sheff Utd	37	7	8	3	27	17	10	6	3	23	16	65
Yeovil	39	11	3	6	33	21	8	4	7	29	29	64
Tranmere	39	9	5	5	28	18	9	4	7	27	24	63
Walsall	40	9	6	5	32	27	7	7	6	26	26	61
Leyton O	40	11	2	7	26	19	7	5	8	21	24	61
Coventry	40	6	6	8	27	25	11	3	6	35	24	60
Notts Cnty	40	8	5	7	26	21	6	11	3	26	18	58
M K Dons	38	10	4	5	31	20	4	8	7	21	22	54
Crewe	37	9	3	6	21	18	6	6	7	25	31	54
Crawley	37	6	7	5	26	24	8	4	7	22	26	53
Stevenage	39	6	5	9	25	30	8	2	9	19	23	49
Preston	38	5	8	6	24	21	6	6	7	22	24	47
Carlisle	39	7	5	8	29	38	5	5	9	19	30	46
Shrewsbury	39	6	7	6	22	22	4	7	9	22	29	44
Colchester	39	7	3	9	23	27	5	4	11	18	33	43
Oldham	37	6	3	10	20	22	5	3	10	18	28	39
Scunthorpe	39	5	5	10	25	35	5	3	11	16	29	38
POMPEY	40	5	4	11	23	27	3	6	11	19	35	34
Bury	39	4	5	10	17	27	3	7	10	20	35	33
Hartlepool	40	4	7	9	16	24	3	5	12	17	37	33

## npower League Two

AFC Wimbledon 2	Morecambe..... 0
Saints-Luce 38	
Midson 45 pen	
HT 2-0	
Barnet..... 0	Cheltenham..... 0
HT 0-0	
Bradford..... P	Bristol R..... P
Postponed - due to safety reasons.	
Burton Albion..... P	Wycombe..... P
Postponed - due to snow.	
Chesterfield..... P	Plymouth..... P
Postponed - due to snow.	
Fleetwood Town 2	Dagenham..... 1
Brown 6	
Evans 52	
HT 1-1	
Gillingham..... 1	Acc Stanley..... 0
Fish 24	
HT 1-0	
Northampton..... 1	Oxford Utd..... 0
Harding 45	
HT 1-0	
Port Vale..... P	Aldershot..... P
Postponed - due to snow.	
Rochdale..... P	Southend..... P
Postponed - due to safety reasons.	
Rotherham..... P	Exeter..... P
Postponed - due to safety reasons.	
Torquay..... 2	York..... 1
Banyon 6	
Jarvis 23	
HT 2-0	
	Cresswell 73 pen
	Att 2,871

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Gillingham	40	10	4	6	33	19	11	8	1	25	12	75
Port Vale	39	8	5	6	37	20	11	5	4	32	21	67
Burton Alb	39	14	3	2	43	20	5	6	9	18	31	66
Northampton	39	15	2	3	38	14	4	6	9	21	35	65
Cheltenham	40	12	6	2	32	16	5	8	7	21	30	65
Exeter	39	7	6	7	28	22	11	3	5	31	25	63
Rotherham	38	10	1	8	35	27	8	5	6	26	27	61
Fleetwood T	40	7	8	5	24	24	8	5	7	25	20	58
Southend	39	6	6	8	23	23	9	4	6	30	22	55
Oxford Utd	40	8	5	7	25	25	8	2	10	25	31	55
Bradford	38	9	4	5	26	16	5	8	7	24	28	54
Chesterfield	38	8	6	5	30	18	6	5	9	15	20	53
Morecambe	40	7	9	4	26	23	6	3	11	25	31	51
Bristol R	39	13	3	7	31	27	4	6	9	20	32	51
Wycombe	38	7	5	7	24	21	7	2	10	21	33	49
Wimbledon	40	5	7	8	24	30	8	2	10	24	38	48
Dagenham	40	7	6	7	26	22	5	5	10	26	33	47
Rochdale	39	6	6	7	25	22	6	5	9	30	39	47
Torquay	40	8	5	7	31	32	3	8	9	15	20	46
Barnet	40	7	8	5	27	21	4	3	13	16	31	44
Plymouth	39	6	7	7	22	23	4	6	9	19	26	43
Acc Stanley	40	6	6	8	23	28	5	4	11	20	33	43
York	40	4	7	9	20	29	4	10	6	22	29	41
Aldershot	39	5	4	11	18	26	4	9	6	17	24	40

## Clydesdale Bank Premier

	HOME						AWAY							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Celtic	31	12	2	4	21	13	8	3	4	3	33	16	65	
Motherwell	31	7	5	4	28	21	7	3	5	23	20	50		
Inverness	31	6	7	3	30	22	5	7	3	26	27	47		
Ross Cnty	31	6	7	2	19	13	5	5	6	21	25	45		
St Johnstn	31	7	5	3	19	14	4	6	6	19	23	44		
Hibernian	31	6	5	4	21	17	4	5	7	18	25	40		
Dundee Utd	31	9	3	9	32	25	6	4	6	18	26	40		
Kilmarnock	30	5	3	6	21	19	4	8	4	23	21	38		
Aberdeen	31	4	8	4	14	14	5	3	7	22	26	38		
Hearts	31	7	3	6	19	21	1	7	7	11	20	34		
St Mirren	30	6	4	6	23	28	2	5	7	13	19	33		
Dundee	31	3	3	9	13	27	1	5	10	7	29	20		